

GLOBAL INCLUSIVE INSURANCE FACILITY



SUBSCRIBE HERE

NEWSLETTER
INDEXINSURANCEFORUM.ORG

From global policy conversations to hands-on learning and innovation on the ground, this April edition reflects how inclusive insurance continues to evolve from ideas into action. Across regions, partners are strengthening agricultural and climate insurance systems, advancing new approaches to disaster risk finance, and building the skills needed to better protect farmers, MSMEs, and vulnerable communities. From high-level dialogues at the Spring Meetings to capacity-building initiatives across Africa and emerging insights on resilience and inclusion, the momentum is clear: inclusive insurance is becoming a key driver of stability, growth, and opportunity in a changing world.

SPRING MEETINGS: TURNING POLICY INTO JOBS, GROWTH, AND IMPACT A Global Push to Scale Solutions for Shared Prosperity



Each Spring, the IMF & World Bank Meetings bring together global leaders to reflect on the state of the global economy and the priorities ahead. This year, the focus was on how to move from policy ambition to measurable results. Discussions emphasized job creation, the role of the private sector in driving sustainable growth, and the importance of implementation over commitments alone.

A key takeaway was the need for solutions that can deliver at scale and strengthen resilience in vulnerable economies. Agriculture stood out as a critical entry point, where investment and risk management tools can unlock productivity, stability, and long-term growth. These conversations highlight a growing shift toward practical approaches that connect policy priorities with real economic outcomes—[Read more](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Queen Máxima Joins IDF High-Level Dialogue on Insurance, Risk Financing and Resilience

A high-level dialogue on insurance, risk financing, and resilience took place during the Spring Meetings, bringing together global policymakers, development partners, and industry leaders to discuss how financial protection tools can address growing climate and systemic risks. The conversation focused on strengthening risk financing systems, closing protection gaps, and advancing more inclusive and scalable solutions through public-private collaboration. The exchange featured Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Financial Health, alongside Sophie Sirtaine, WBG Director, Financial Services Sector, who moderated the session, and Michel Liès, Chair of IDF Steering Committee and Chairman of Zurich Insurance Group, as speaker. The discussion underscored the growing global focus on financial resilience and the importance of collaboration in helping households and economies better absorb shocks—[Read more](#)



BUILDING SOLUTIONS ON THE GROUND ACROSS KIGALI-ABIDJAN Strengthening Africa's Insurance Sector: Inside the New Capacity Program

Strengthening agricultural and climate insurance across Africa requires collaboration, shared learning, and investment in people. With this vision, GIIF, in collaboration with the African Insurance Organisation (AIO), launched Phase 1 of the Capacity Building and Development for Agricultural and Climate Insurance training series as part of the Kigali–Abidjan journey. The initiative brought together insurance professionals from across the continent to strengthen practical skills in product design, pricing, distribution, and risk modelling, with the goal of improving access to scalable and affordable insurance solutions for climate-vulnerable communities—[Read more](#)



Photo: Participants, trainers, and organizers gather for a group photo following a successful Kigali–Abidjan capacity-building session, reflecting a shared commitment to advancing agricultural and climate insurance across Africa.

To reflect on the purpose and early momentum of the program, we spoke with Jean Baptiste Ntukamazina, Secretary General of the African Insurance Organisation (AIO). He highlights why agricultural and climate insurance is becoming increasingly urgent in the face of rising climate risks, the structural barriers still limiting market development, and the importance of translating technical training into operational solutions. Jean Baptiste also shares early lessons from the first cohort and what it will take to scale capacity across African insurance markets through continued collaboration—[Read more](#)



From left to right: Mr. Agrotosh Mookerjee, trainer; Pamela UMUTESI, Managing Director of the Rwanda Insurers Association; Jean Baptiste Ntukamazina, Secretary General of the African Insurance Organisation (AIO); and Gregoire MINANI, trainer; pictured during the Kigali–Abidjan training sessions.

Take a closer look at highlights from the training through this short video, featuring reflections from participants and trainers. From hands-on learning to peer exchange, it captures the energy and practical insights shaping the next generation of climate insurance expertise—[Watch recap](#)



Photo: Jean Baptiste Ntukamazina, Secretary General of the African Insurance Organisation (AIO), shares insights during an interview at the Kigali–Abidjan capacity-building sessions.

Explore more from the series:

- [\(Behind the Sessions: Expert Perspectives on Agricultural & Climate Insurance Training\)](#)
- [\(Capacity Building for Agricultural & Climate Insurance: Phase 1 \(Kigali English Session\)\)](#)
- [\(Capacity Building for Agricultural & Climate Insurance: Phase 1 \(Abidjan French Session\)\)](#)
- [\(Inside Phase 1: Training Africa’s Next Wave of Climate Insurance Experts\)](#)

A LEGACY OF INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Harvesting Impact: Milestones in Agricultural Insurance

Across markets, GIIF’s partners are delivering tangible results in agricultural insurance, expanding coverage, strengthening technical capacity, and developing solutions that respond to the needs of smallholder farmers facing increasing climate risks. Insurers, governments, and development institutions are turning collaboration into action, helping build more resilient and inclusive agricultural systems.



The African Reinsurance Corporation (Africa Re) was named Pan-African Champion at the 2025 Africa CEO Forum Awards ceremony held in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.

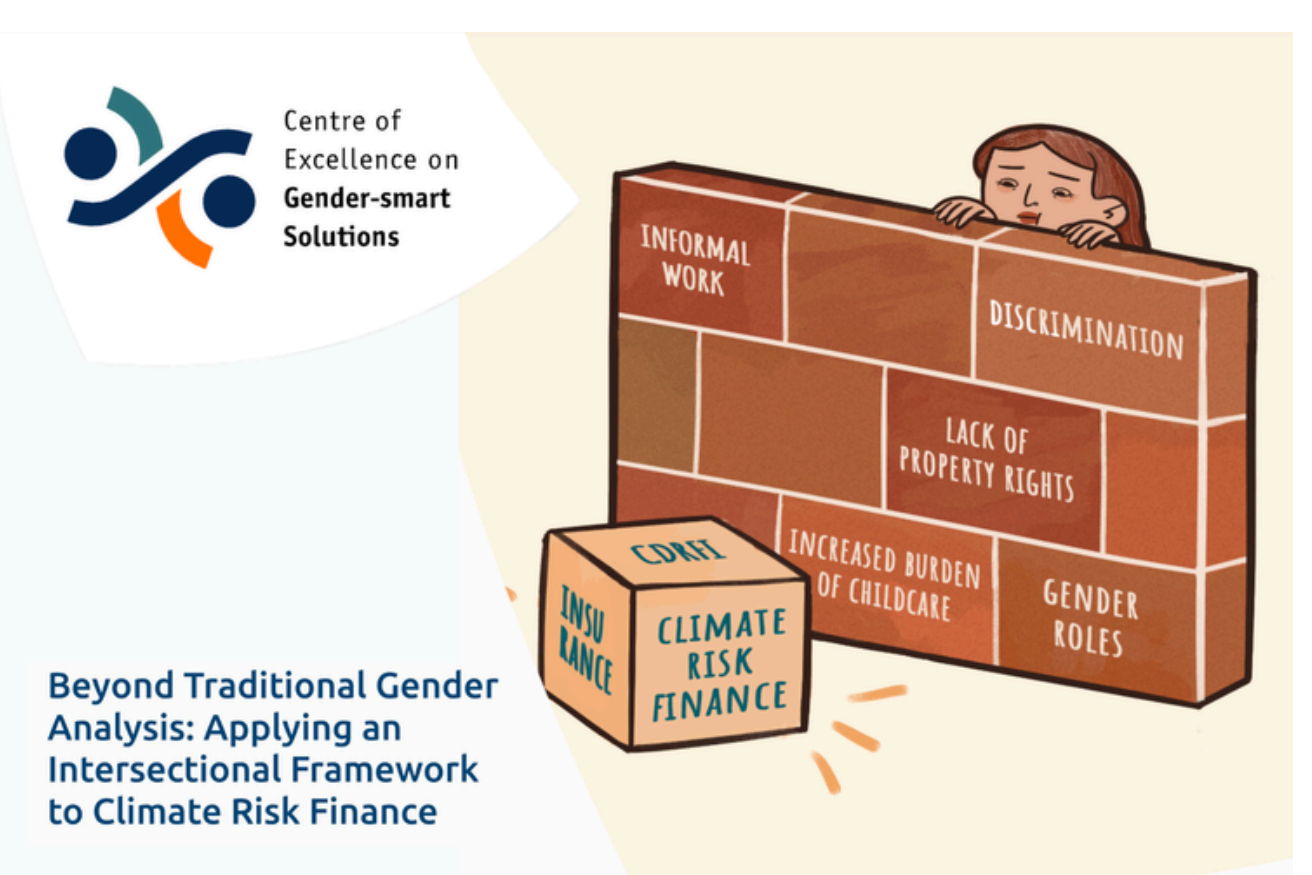
Sustaining and scaling these efforts will be critical as climate challenges intensify. Continued investment and partnerships will enable greater reach, stronger delivery, and deeper impact where it matters most. These achievements reflect the commitment and leadership of GIIF’s partners and what can be achieved through collective action—[Read more](#)

KNOWLEDGE THAT STRENGTHENS DISASTER RESILIENCE

Rethinking Climate Risk Finance Through an Intersectional Lens

Rethinking climate risk finance requires looking beyond traditional approaches to better understand who is most affected and why. The session “Beyond Traditional Gender Analysis: Applying an Intersectional Framework to Climate Risk Finance”, organized by the Centre of Excellence on Gender-Smart Solutions (CoE), explored how intersectional analysis can strengthen more inclusive approaches to disaster risk finance.

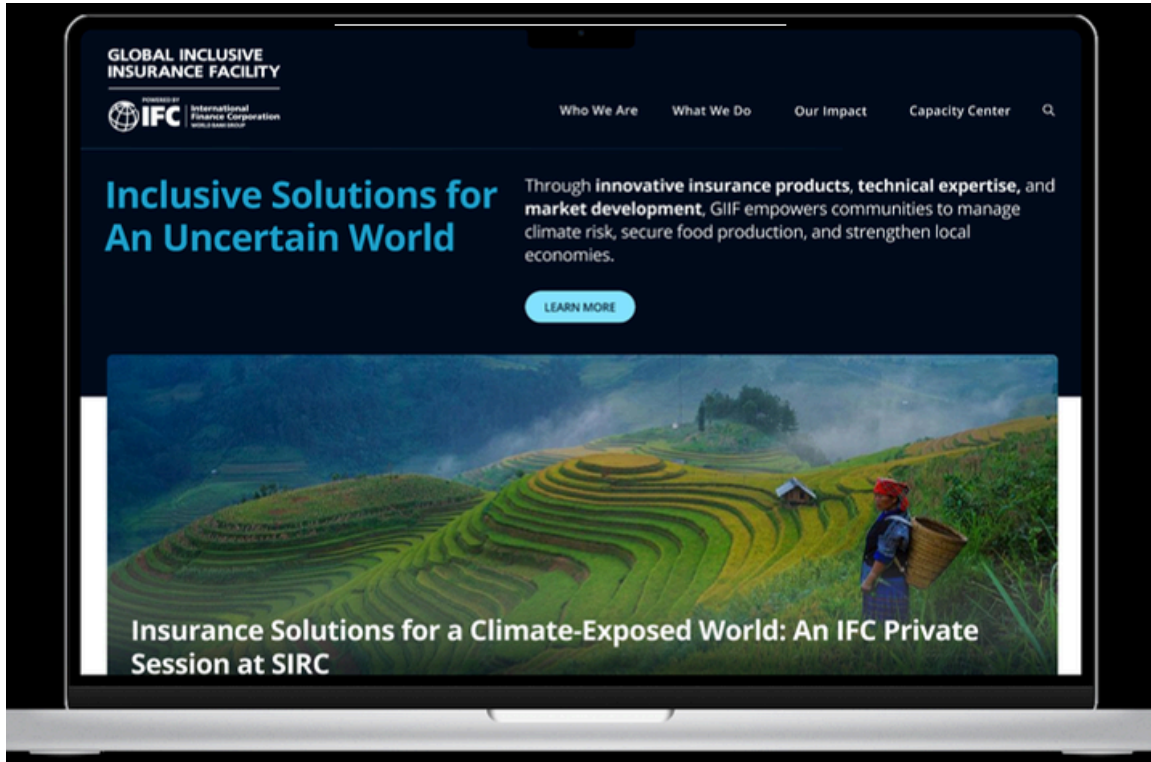
Featuring insights from Humaira Hansrod (Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist and Research Lead at Oxford Policy Management), the discussion highlighted how overlapping factors such as gender, income, geography, and access to resources shape vulnerability. Drawing on gender analyses conducted across countries participating in the In-Country Process under the Global Shield against Climate Risks, the session showed how these insights can inform more inclusive and gender-responsive approaches to Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (CDRF)—[Read more](#)



A NEW CHAPTER FOR GIIF

Strengthening How We Share Knowledge, Partnerships, and Impact

GIIF is getting a new look. The redesigned website will improve how knowledge, partnerships, and impact are shared across the inclusive insurance ecosystem. The update aims to make content easier to navigate, strengthen access to insights and resources, and better showcase the work of partners driving agricultural and climate insurance forward. More than a visual refresh, it reflects GIIF's continued commitment to collaboration, learning, and visibility across its global community—[Read more](#)



ABOUT GIIF

The Global Inclusive Insurance Facility (GIIF) – formerly known as the Global Index Insurance Facility – aims to strengthen the resilience of farmers and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in developing countries, with a primary focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and the Asia-Pacific region. Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the program supports access to inclusive climate risk insurance products designed to protect livelihoods from disruptions and losses in agricultural production.

Global Inclusive Insurance Facility (GIIF)
Managed by The World Bank Group
2121 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, 20433, Washington DC



FUNDED BY

