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# Digital Insurance MENA 2026

A Top Global Event for Insurers to Transform

Those Who will Lead Tomorrow, Change Today

## Accelerate Digital to Drive Future Growth

1500+  
Attendees

160+  
Advisors/Speakers

350+  
CXOs

70%+  
Decision Makers

60%+  
Insurers

60+  
Countries

Organizer





## ■ Event Introduction

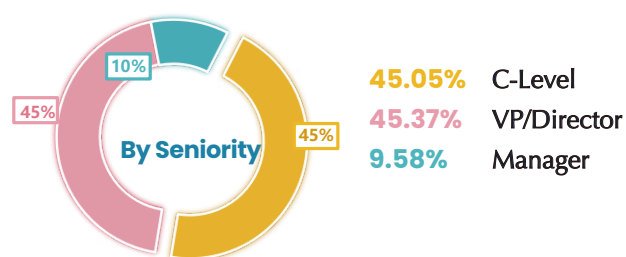
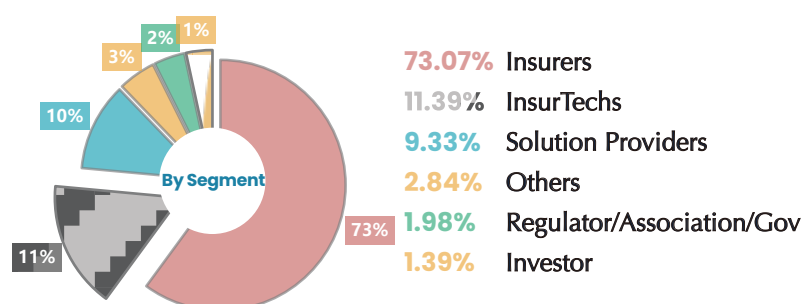
As a top global event for insurers to transform, Digital Insurance is a rapidly growing brand with global footprints in MENA, APAC and more regions to come. It's committed to building platforms as well as communities around the world to connect, inspire and promote digital transformation in insurance industry. We are especially keen to help the insurers to transform and succeed in the digital revolution by innovating on their own, cooperating with insurtechs, and building digital ecosystems for win-win.

We will kick off the 4th edition of Digital Insurance MENA in 2026 with 160+ speakers/advisors and 1500+ attendees from insurers (60%+), insurtechs, solution providers and so on. With the unparalleled speakers, topics, and branding & networking opportunities, we will bring the digital innovators-thinkers and doers, across the MENA region and around the world to gather in Dubai to connect, inspire and promote insurance digital transformation!

# Key Figures

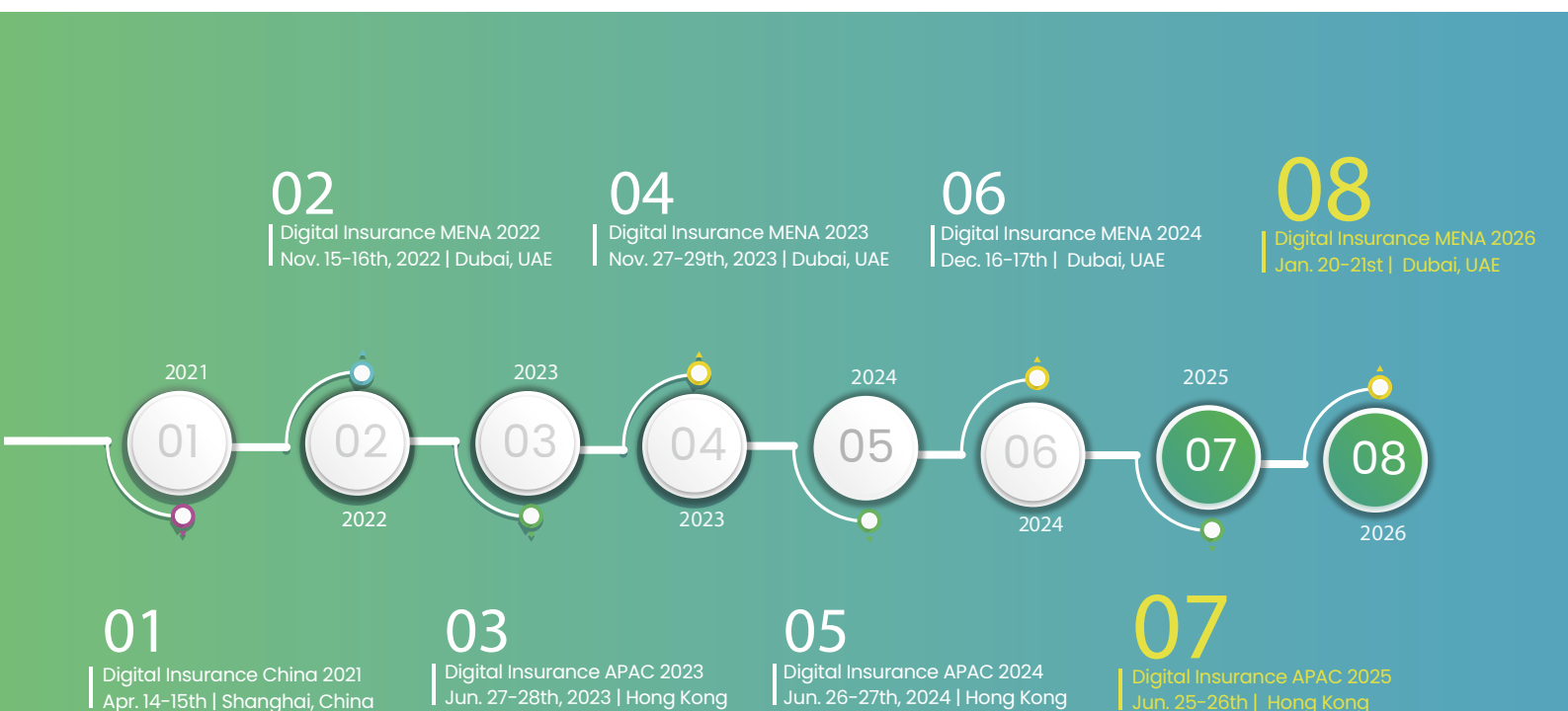
## Digital Insurance Globally

### Attendees Breakdown



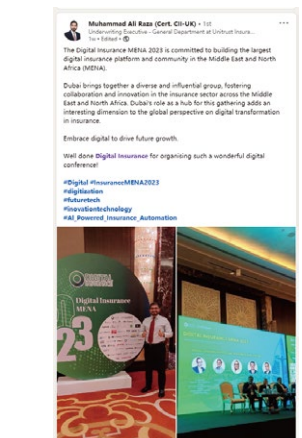
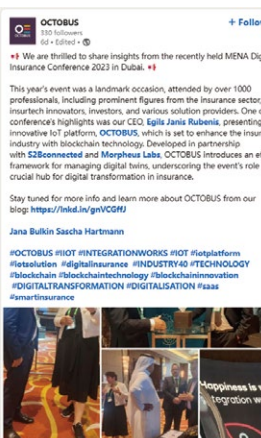
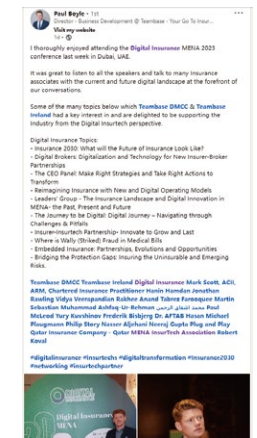
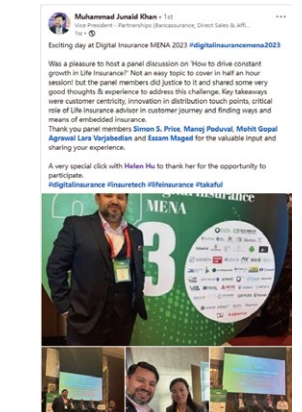
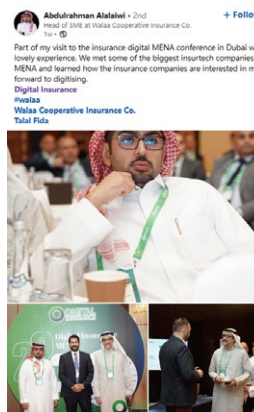
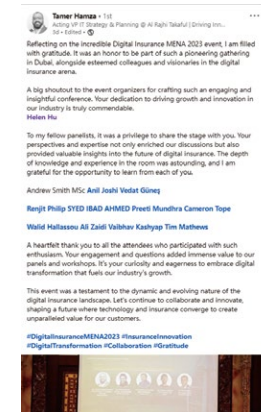
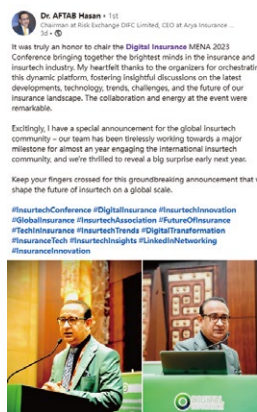
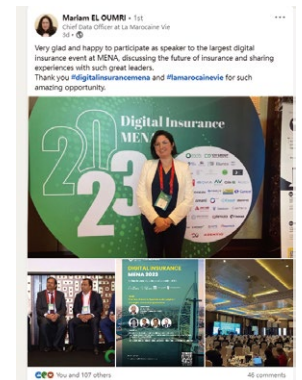
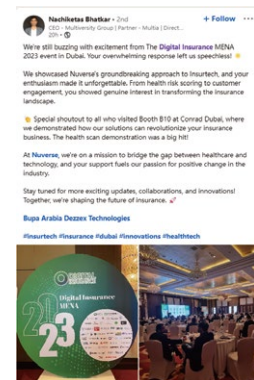
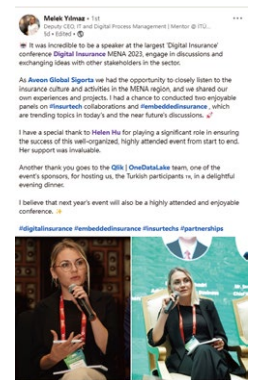
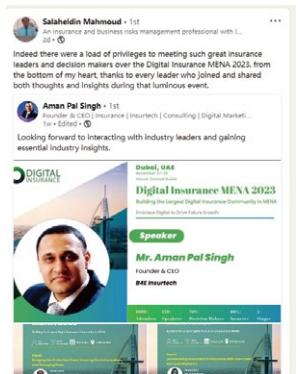
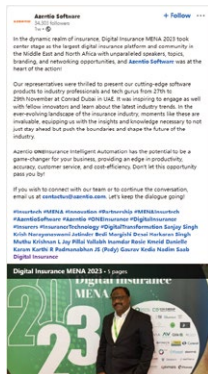
**6000+** Attendees | **60%+** Insurers | **95%+** Recommended

### Footprints





# WHAT DIGITAL INSURANCE MENA ATTENDEES SAID?





# TESTIMONIALS



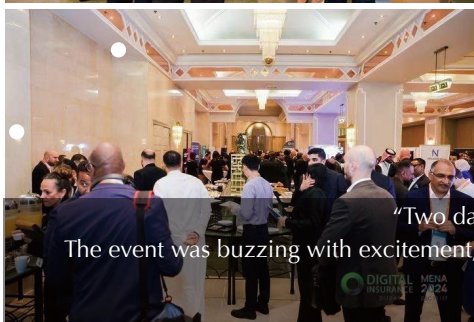
"The organization of the seminar was top notch, the discussions were very interesting"

CAAT



"This event is an excellent opportunity to exchange techniques, leads, and exchange views on shared challenges."

Great Eastern Takaful Berhad



"Two days of energy and innovation at Digital Insurance MENA! The event was buzzing with excitement, engagement and discussions around key trends, digital transformation and the future of workforce in insurance to name a few "

DIFC Insurance Association



"A good conference to attend and learn latest trends in insurtech."

MedImpact International



"Insightful. Lovely to see past, present and future clients"

Infosys Consulting



"Great speakers, well attended, highly recommended!"

QBE



"Sincere thanks to all teams works of the Digital Insurance MENA 2023 The organizing committee were extremely efficient. I will be the best support for all the relevant events that comes"

Misr Insurance



"The conference is packed with many interesting topics and I am looking forward to meeting the experts and learning from them."

FS Brew



"Participating in the Digital Insurance was an inspiring and thought-provoking experience. The event brought together visionary industry leaders to discuss how technology and data are redefining the future of insurance. Grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a forward-thinking event, and I look forward to seeing how these ideas continue to shape our industry's future."

Damanat



"Attending the Digital Insurance MENA 2024 conference in Dubai was truly enlightening. It was a pleasure meeting some of the most inspiring leaders from the Middle East's insurance sector and hearing their perspectives on the future of the industry. Their insights were thought-provoking and truly valuable." - Marsh McLennan

"Honored to have been part of the Digital Insurance MENA Dubai 2024 conference, a premier event that brought together industry leaders, technology innovators, and professionals shaping the future of insurance. A big thank you to the organizers, fellow panelists, and everyone who contributed to making this event a resounding success." - Walaa Cooperative Insurance Co.

# Why Attend?

## WALK TOGETHER NOT WALK ALONE

- Expand your network with over 1,500 international, regional, and local executives, entrepreneurs, and innovators across the MENA region.
- Connect with 900+ decision-makers from the insurance industry across 60+ countries.
- Broaden your professional horizon by engaging with a diverse group of experts and peers.

1500+

INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL EXECUTIVES,  
ENTREPRENEURS AND INNOVATORS

900+

INSURERS

60+

COUNTRIES

## MEET AND CONVERSE WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS

- Engage with 350+ CXOs from the insurance sector.
- Connect directly with over 70% of decision-makers attending the event.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST TO BECOME THE BEST

- Discover the latest trends, future opportunities, and cutting-edge solutions in digital insurance.
- Hear from global and regional pioneers, as well as leading players in digital insurance.
- Gain insights into top digital transformation practices and key lessons learned.

## FROM TALK TO ACTION

- Hear real-world digital transformation stories from insurers that you can apply to your own organization.
- Take home practical knowledge, successful use cases, and valuable insights to drive tangible results in your office.



# Who Attend?

## 60%+ Insurance Executives

CEO/COO/CIO/CDO/CXO  
Head/Director/Manager of Strategy  
Head/Director/Manager of Innovation  
Head/Director/Manager of Technology/Information  
Head/Director/Manager of Actuary and Product  
Head/Director/Manager of Marketing  
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Head/Director/Manager of Operation  
Head/Director/Manager of Underwriting  
Head/Director/Manager of Claims and Fraud  
Head/Director/Manager of Customer Services  
Head/Director/Manager of Risk and Cyber  
Brokers/Agencies/Intermediaries  
Others

## Solution Providers

Insurance Technology Providers  
AI/ML and Automation Solution Providers  
Data and Analytics Solution Providers  
Core System Solution Providers  
Digital Risk and Cyber Solution Providers  
Telematics/Wearables/IoT Solution Providers  
Blockchain Solution Providers  
Cloud Solution Providers  
Mobile Solution Providers  
Digital Distributors and Platforms  
Digital Health Service Providers  
Digital Insurance Service Providers  
Consultancies  
Law Firms  
Others

## InsurTech Entrepreneurs

Global InsurTechs  
Regional InsurTechs  
Local InsurTechs  
InsurTech Investors/ Incubators



## Sponsor Range

Brokers and Agencies  
Digital Distributors and Platforms  
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Consultancies  
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## EVENT AT A GLANCE

### DAY 1 January 20th 2026

STAGE	TRACK	INTRODUCTION
MAIN STAGE	Lead through Change	The Lead through Change track empowers senior MENA insurance leaders with strategies and insights to drive digital transformation, innovation, and resilient growth in a rapidly evolving industry.
	Digital Insurance Awards	The Digital Insurance Awards 2026 (MENA Region) is a prestigious global recognition celebrating pioneering leaders and organizations driving digital transformation in the MENA insurance industry.
A STAGE	Innovate in Africa	The Innovate in Africa track highlights pioneering solutions shaping the African continent's insurance industry, from digital transformation and Insurtech to AI, microinsurance, and customer-centric strategies.

### DAY 2 January 21st 2026

STAGE	TRACK	INTRODUCTION
M STAGE	Mastering Data & AI	The Mastering Data & AI track explores how MENA insurance leaders can leverage data, AI, and automation to drive innovation, efficiency, and customer-centricity in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.
E STAGE	Being Customer Centric	The Being Customer Centric track focuses on how MENA insurers can leverage digital innovation, personalization, and omni-channel strategies to enhance customer experience and engagement in a competitive, digital-first market.
A STAGE	Committing to Innovation	The Committing to Innovation track explores how emerging technologies and cross-industry collaboration are driving digital transformation, agility, and future-readiness in the MENA insurance sector.

### DAY 1-2 January 20-21st 2026

FORMAT	INTRODUCTION
Transformation Alley	The epicenter of insurance innovation, insight, and interaction
Demo Corner	Live demos of game-changing InsurTech and digital innovations
EXHIBITION	Exhibiting leading ideas, technologies and solutions transforming insurance
Lunch Roundtable	Strategic and Exclusive lunch discussions among senior leaders in digital insurance.
Digital Connect	The Hub to Meet, Network and Build Digital Partnerships.



# MAIN STAGE

January 20th  
DAY 01

Registration 08:00 - 09:00  
09:00 - 09:15  
09:15 - 09:30

Registration & Morning Hour  
Opening Address by Digital Insurance  
Welcome Address & Chairman's Address



Dr. Bassel Hindawi, Senior Advisor, Board Member and Independent Arbitrator & Mediator

## Lead through Change

09:30-10:10

Panel

### The Future of Digital Transformation: Unlocking Opportunities and Innovation in the MENA Insurance Market

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Frederik Bisbjerg, CEO | Senior advisor | Shaping the Future of Insurance
- Mr. Ayman Y. AL-Ajmi, Group Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Braxtone Group
- Dr. Nasser Aljehani, Senior Advisor to the CEO, Tawuniya
- Ms. Ebtehal Tantawy, Chief Officer, Enterprise Project Management, AXA Egypt
- Mr. Mohamed Seghir, Chief Executive Officer, HAYAH Insurance Company

10:10-10:50

Panel

### The CEO Panel: Lead the Change and Drive Growth in the Digital Age

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Anuj Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer, Gulf General Cooperative Insurance Company (GGI)
- Mr. George Kabban, CEO, United Insurance Brokers (DIFC)
- Mr. Khaled Abd El Sadek, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Mohandes Insurance
- Mr. Mohammad Danish Eqbal, Ex-Chief Executive Officer, Liberty Uganda & Chairman - Data & Analytics Committee (IAM Africa Regions), Standard Bank Group
- Mr. Arijit Chakraborty, SVP & CEO of Chubb Digital Partners, Chubba

10:50-11:20

Networking Coffee Break

11:20-12:00

Panel

Powered by  
Dark Horse  
Digital Solutions



- Mr. Narendra Shukla, MD & CEO, Dark Horse Digital Solutions
- Mr. Arsalan Iqbal, Head of Technology, GIG Gulf
- Mr. Anup Dhir, Managing Director - FINPRO® India, Middle East, Africa (IMEA), Marsh
- Mr. Rakesh Sudhakaran, Chief Commercial Officer, SALAMA - Islamic Arab Insurance Company
- Mr. Prashant Vinod, Chief of Business and Delivery, A Tawuniya Company

12:00-12:30

Keynote



Mr. Alibek Tnaliyev, Senior Vice President Business Development MENA Region, Qatar Insurance Group

Networking Luncheon\*

12:30-14:00

Lead through Change

14:00-14:05

Opening

Chairman's Address



Mr. Abdullah Faisal Biary, Chief Information Security Officer, United Cooperative Assurance

14:05-14:35

Keynote

Implementation of Value Based Healthcare Insurance



Dr. Ahmed Aldammas, Executive Director Data Management Cybersecurity and Risk, The Council Of Cooperative Health Insurance

14:35-15:00

Keynote

Empowering Futures: Turning a Digital Vision into Real-World Impact



Mr. Mohamed Seghir, Chief Executive Officer, HAYAH Insurance Company

15:00-15:25

Keynote

Responsible Innovation: Policy Priorities and the Insurance Industry's Paradigm Shift



Mr. Makoto Okubo, General Manager, International Affairs, Nippon Life Insurance Company  
**Execution Excellence in Large-Scale Change: Ensuring a Smooth Transition to Modern Insurance Technologies in MENA**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Dr. Nilay Ranjan Singh, Chief Executive Officer, State Bank of India
- Mr. Carlos Piedade, Head of Digital Strategy and Transformation, Emirates Insurance Company
- Dr. Erdoğan Çiftcioğlu, Vice Chairperson, Koru Sigorta
- Mr. Makoto Okubo, General Manager, International Affairs, Nippon Life Insurance Company
- Mr. Wael El-Bsat, Growth Strategies and Business Transformation Leader
- Mr. Simon S. Price, Digital Transformation Leader
- Mr. Varghese Skariah, Group Data Director, LIVA Group

15:55-16:25

Networking Coffee Break

16:25-16:55

Panel

Operational Excellence: Refining Operation in Insurance through Digital Transformation and Process Optimization

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Mohamed Atef, Chief Financial Officer, Liva Insurance Oman
- Mr. Rizwan Munir, Managing Director, Star 2 Consulting
- Mr. Shammi Kapoor, SVP & Head - Operations, CS and Health Claims, Magma General Insurance
- Ms. Khadijetou Mohamed El Maouloud, Head of Information Systems Department, CNASS
- Mr. Dilshan Perera, Chief Transformation Officer, HNB General Insurance
- Mr. Martin Sebastian, Chief Information Officer, Watania Takaful
- Mr. Sreedhar Suragouni, Chief Operations and Technology Officer, Sukoon Insurance

16:55-17:35

Panel

InsurTech on the Global Stage: What's Next for Innovation and Scale in MENA?



- Dr. Goetz Friedrich Kuras, Partner, Leader Insurance / Pensions / Social, Arthur D. Little
- Mr. Hamad Khan, CEO, Sukoon Insurance
- [Online] Mr. Adrian Sarg, International Expansion Lead, Alan
- Mr. Mohamed Seghir, Chief Executive Officer, HAYAH Insurance Company
- Mr. Rizwan Munir, Managing Director, Star 2 Consulting
- Dr. Aftab Hasan, Founder & Chairman, Global Association of InsurTech Professionals (GAIP) & Founder & Chairman, Risk Exchange DIFC Limited
- [Online] Mr. Fabian Wesemann, Co-Founder & CEO, Afari



MAIN STAGE

January 20th  
DAY 01

# 2026 Digital Insurance Awards Ceremony

MENA Region

**Celebrating Global Excellence in Digital Transformation**

17:35-18:15

Award

"Digital Insurance Awards 2026 (MENA Region)" Ceremony  
- Celebrating Global Excellence in Insurance Digital Transformation

As one of the leading global events for the insurance industry, Digital Insurance is dedicated to fostering the advancement of digital transformation within the sector. This platform highlights the significant achievements insurers, reinsurer, brokers, insurtechs, and all other digital partners have made, which have driven insurance digital transformation, by honoring the trailblazing pioneers, innovators, and leaders.

In 2026, Digital Insurance is proud to introduce the "Digital Insurance Award 2026 (MENA Region)", a prestigious global recognition celebrating the leaders at the forefront of insurance digital transformation in the MENA region.

Moderator:



- Ms. Vidya Veerapandian, Founder- FWD and Co- Founder- FS Brew
- Mr. Renjit Philip, Managing Partner- Futureu Strategy Group and Co-founder of FS Brew Insurtech and Insurance Podcast

Award Presenters:



- Mr. Fareed Lutfi, Secretary General, Emirates Insurance Association and Gulf Insurance Federation
- Dr. Bassel Hindawi, Senior Advisor, Board Member and Independent Arbitrator & Mediator
- Ms. Gaenor Jones, Regional Director MEA, Central & South Asia, Chartered Insurance Institute
- Dr. Aftab Hasan, Founder & Chairman, Global Association of InsurTech Professionals (GAIP) & Founder & Chairman, Risk Exchange DIFC Limited
- Mr. Jochen A. Haug, Transformational Insurance Leader

18:15-18:20

Closing Remark of Day 1

14:00-14:05

Chairwoman's Address



Ms. Muriel Moucachen Nassif, Chief Strategic Partnership, MSH International

**Innovate in Africa**

14:05-14:25

Keynote

**Country Case Study – Ghana:**  
**Driving Insurance Penetration through Digitisation.**  
**The Case of Ghana Insurance Market**



Dr. Nashiru Iddrisu, CEO, KEK RE Africa

14:25-14:50

Keynote

**Country Case Study – Kenya:**  
**Digital Transformation in Insurance**



Dr. Dipankar Acharya, Chief Executive Officer, APA Insurance

14:50-15:15

Keynote

**Country Case Study – South Africa:**  
**Using AI and Data to Transform Insurance Outcomes**



Ms. Chuma Qwalela, Head of Strategy and Business Integration, Rand Mutual – RMA

15:15-15:40

Keynote

**Case Study – How Reinsurance Serves as a Growth Enabler for**  
**Africa's Digital Insurance Economy**



Mr. Nolwenn Allano, Chief Commercial Officer, EIRS Digital Insurance Ecosystem

15:40-16:10

Networking Coffee Break

16:10-16:40

Panel

**Digital Transformation in the African Insurance Sector:**  
**Opportunities, Challenges, and Key Technology Trends**  
**Shaping the Future**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Malik Khan, Head of Business Agility - EMEA Business Transformation, MetLife
- Mr. Chimwemwe Kanyenda, Chief Operating Officer, Nico Life Insurance Company
- Mr. Jérôme Katz, Chief Executive Officer, MUA Tanzania
- Mr. Manu Ram, Chief Product Officer, EIRS Digital Insurance Ecosystem
- Mr. Piyush Dubey, Partner, Middle East, Kearney



**Innovate in Africa**

16:40-17:10

Panel

**Winning Customer Trust in Digital Africa:  
Opportunities & Strategies**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Muriel Moucachen Nassif, Chief Strategic Partnership, MSH International
- Mr. Nolwenn Allano, Chief Commercial Officer, EIRS Digital Insurance Ecosystem
- Dr. Ravi Seshadri, Strategic Advisor- Insurance and InsurTech, APAC & MENA
- Mr. Andre Dreyer, CEO, Lyandre Advisory Services
- Mr. Jan Malas, Principal, Kearney

17:10-17:40

Panel

**Africa's Digital Insurance Ecosystem: Partnerships that Scale**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Dr. Abhishek Jajoo, Founder & Group CEO, AJMS Global
- Ms. Oulfa Maazouz, Middle East Distribution Manager, Zurich Global Employee Benefits
- Mr. Mohammad Danish Egbal, Ex-Chief Executive Officer, Liberty Uganda & Chairman - Data & Analytics Committee (IAM Africa Regions), Standard Bank Group
- Mr. Arijit Chakraborty, SVP & CEO of Chubb Digital Partners, Chubb
- Mr. Mohamed Mowafi, Chief Executive Sales and Distribution Officer, Misr Life Insurance

17:40-17:45

**Closing Remark of Day 1**

## Discuss with Your Peers



### Interactive Lunch Roundtables

- Insurers only, Invited only
- 10-15 members for each roundtable
- Director level or above
- Exclusive Sponsor for each roundtable

\* Note:

1. For invited guests, please select more than 3 roundtables and we will allocate the seats around 2-3 weeks before the event to confirm which roundtable(s) we wish you to be in.
2. A roundtable less than 10 members will be cancelled.

12:30-14:00

Roundtable 01	Uncovering the Operational Priorities in the New Era of Insurance Digital Transition
Roundtable 02	Staying Competitive: How Continuous Innovation can be Possible for Insurers
Roundtable 03	How to Future Proof Your Business and Digitise Your Capabilities
Roundtable 04	Fostering Growth and Innovation: Enabling a Digital Native Culture across the Company's Ecosystem
Roundtable 05	Digital Transformation and the Legacy of Insurance
Roundtable 06	Bridging the Talent Gap for Successful Digital Transformation in Insurance
Roundtable 07	Steering towards Digital Transformation in Insurance amidst the Rising Age of AI & GenAI
Roundtable 08	Reimagining Customer Relationship: Building the Seamless & Digital Customer Journey with Human Touch
Roundtable 09	Collaborating for Growth-Building Leading and Technology-Enabled Ecosystems for Insurance
Roundtable 10	From Insurers to Carers: the Changing Values of Health Insurance Powered by Technology

## Amplify Digital Achievements

Transformation Alley	08:00 - 18:00	Showcase	A high-traffic area for leading insurers/techs to showcase their successful digital transformation products/projects/journeys with a poster/Booth/innovative space/TV
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## Building Tech Ecosystems

Demo Corner	08:00 - 18:00	Demo	A high-traffic area for insurtechs/tech vendors to demonstrate their innovative digital technologies/ products/ solutions with a desk and a TV.
Exhibition	08:00 - 18:00	Booth	Booth in the high-traffic networking space
Lunch Roundtable	13:40-14:00	Roundtable	Closed-door discussion among a group of experts relevant to a certain topic
Digital Connect	09:00-18:00	Connect	Meeting zone to connect digital buyers with digital providers



Registration 08:00 - 09:00  
09:00 - 09:10

Registration & Morning Hour  
Chairman's Address



Mr. Rakesh Sudhakaran, Chief Commercial Officer, SALAMA - Islamic Arab Insurance Company

## Mastering Data & AI

09:10-09:40

Keynote

**Next-Generation AI Innovation in Insurance Policy Design**



Dr. Amir Safari, Acting-Director General, Innovation and Development of Modern Businesses, Central Insurance of Iran (Insurance Regulatory and Supervisory Authority)

09:40-10:10

Keynote

**Data and AI in Action- Story  
Enhancing Operational Efficiency in Insurance with AI-Powered Process Optimization**



Ms. Zein Shiyab, Chief Corporate Services and Technology Officer, Trust Holding

10:10-10:20

Demo

**From Weeks to Hours: Transforming Underwriting with Intelligent Agent Onboarding**



Mr. Arsalan Shakeel, Principal Architect - Agentic AI Offerings, Novigo Solutions

10:20-10:30

Demo

**Brand & Identity Cyber Insurance**



Mr. Ahmad Halabi, Managing Director, Resecurity

10:30-10:40

Demo

**Beyond Hype: Building Enterprise-Grade Generative AI in Insurance**



Dr. Anas Kharboutly, Group CEO, Xpress Automation

10:40-11:10

Networking Coffee Break

11:10-11:35

Keynote

**Decluttering AI in insurance for practical applications -  
how to make money with AI**



Mr. Frederik Bisbjerg, CEO | Senior advisor | Shaping the Future of Insurance

11:35-12:05

Panel

**Mastering and Scaling AI Adoption in Insurance:  
Strategic Insights for CIOs and Tech Leaders**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Alibek Tnaliyev, Senior Vice President Business Development MENA Region, Qatar Insurance Group
- Mr. Khurram Muhammad, Executive Vice President- Head of IT, Salaam Takaful
- Mr. Abdullah Muidh Alghamdi, Director of Information Technology, Damanat
- Mr. Jochen A. Haug, Transformational Insurance Leader
- Mr. Vivek Kolhatkar, Senior Vice President, Union Insurance Company
- Mr. Ritesh Varma, VP and Head of Business Consulting & Insurance Practice, Newgen Software

12:05-12:35

Panel

**Rewrite the Rules: Mastering the Forces of Generative and  
Agentic AI to Redefine Insurance Innovation**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Frederik Bisbjerg, CEO | Senior advisor | Shaping the Future of Insurance
- [Online] Prof. Jihad Faltouni, Chief Executive Officer, Unlimited Insurance Services (UIS)
- Mr. Koy Nien Lee, CEO, Protego & Executive VP, Head of Bancassurance, RAKBANK
- Dr. Ahmed Aldammas, Executive Director Data Management Cybersecurity and Risk, The Council Of Cooperative Health Insurance
- Ms. Valerie Hawley, Executive Director- Sorbonne Center of Artificial Intelligence (SCAI), Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi (PSUAD)
- Mr. Malik Abduljabbar, Data & AI Demand and Value Realization Director, Al Rajhi Takaful

Mastering Data & AI

12:35-14:00

Networking Luncheon\*

14:00-14:05

Opening

Chairman's Address



Mr. Simon S. Price, Digital Transformation Leader

14:05-14:35

Keynote

**Blockchain and Smart Contracts in MENA:  
Transforming the Future of Insurance**



Mr. Shammi Kapoor, SVP & Head - Operations, CS and Health Claims,  
Magma General Insurance

14:35-15:05

Keynote

**The Practitioner-CEO: Connecting AI / ML Strategy to P&L Reality  
in Emerging Markets**



Mr. Mohammad Danish Eqbal, Ex-Chief Executive Officer, Liberty Uganda &  
Chairman - Data & Analytics Committee (IAM Africa Regions), Standard Bank Group  
**Shaping the Future of Insurance - Innovation and Impact through AI**

15:05-15:25

Demo



Ms. Gaenor Jones, Regional Director MEA, Central & South Asia, Chartered Insurance Institute

15:25-15:55

Networking Coffee Break

15:55-16:35

Panel

**The Future of Life Insurance: Embracing AI, Automation,  
and Personalization**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Renjit Philip, Managing Partner- Futureu Strategy Group and Co-founder of FS Brew Insurtech and Insurance Podcast
- Mr. Aman Pal Singh, Founder & CEO, B4E Insurtech
- Mr. Cagdas Cimentepe, Head of Underwriting and Claims, ANADOLU HAYAT EMEKLİLİK
- Mr. Ehab Hatem, Head of Omnichannel, Misr Life Insurance
- Ms. Priya Krishnamoorthy, Founder, LA AEONIA & Independent (Non Executive) Director, Ageas Federal Life Insurance
- Mr. Simon S. Price, Digital Transformation Leader
- Mr. Sandeep Kushwaha, Senior Vice President and Head of Analytics, Bandhan Life

16:35-17:15

Panel

**Data Visionary Panel: Leveraging Data to Drive Success,  
Streamline Processes & Unlock Possibilities**

Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Vidya Veerapandian, Founder- FWD and Co- Founder- FS Brew
- Ms. Mini George, Executive Director-IT, Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC)
- Mr. Shoaib Soofi, Chairperson of SOA Committee for Middle East, Africa & Pakistan Region
- Mr. Amjad Khan, Head - AUM & Persistency ( MIB ), ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company
- Mr. Muhammad Nasir Saeed, Director - Data Architecture & Governance, Bupa Arabia
- Ms. Tanmeet Kaur, Head of Actuarial, Zamara MENA

17:15-17:20

Closing Remark of Day 2



Registration 08:00 - 09:00  
09:00 - 09:10

Registration & Morning Hour

Chairwoman's Address



Ms. Shima Ara, Deputy CEO, Saman Insurance Co.

## Being Customer Centric

09:10-09:40

Keynote

**Redefining Insurance Customer Relationship and Experience in the Age of Digital Transformation- Trends and innovations**



Mr. Soumendu Das, AVP- Underwriting, Saudi Arabian Insurance Company - Dubai Branch

09:40-10:05

Keynote

**How New Age Compliance System Transform Digital Insurance**



Mr. Rahul Pagare, Co-Founder, ZIGRAM

10:05-10:35

Keynote

**Seamless Protection: How Personalization and Super Apps Are Shaping Embedded Insurance**



Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain, Managing Director, Shriram Life Insurance

10:35-11:05

Networking Coffee Break

11:05-11:35

Keynote

**Role of Finance Transformation in Operational Excellence**



Mr. Sanjeev Aggarwal, Chief Financial Officer, Solidarity Bahrain BSC

11:35-12:05

Panel

**From Core Systems to Customers: bridging the gap with digital platforms**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Jonathan Matchett, Partner, MENA Insurance Leader, EY
- Ms. Zein Shiyyab, Chief Corporate Services and Technology Officer, Trust Holding
- Mr. Troy Barnes, APAC Insurance Partner, CAPCO
- Mr. Harprem Doowa, Founder, Eazy Digital
- Mr. Ayman Hossameldin, Business Development Manager, Zurich Middle East
- Mr. Sameer Kulkarni, Chief Operating Officer, Nvest

12:05-12:35

Panel

**Reimagining Insurance Operations: How Digital, Tech & AI Are Transforming Underwriting, Claims & Fraud Management**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Renjit Philip, Managing Partner- Futureu Strategy Group and Co-founder of FS Brew Insurtech and Insurance Podcast
- Dr. Partha Panda, Senior Vice President - Head of Claims (Medical, Life, Motor & Commercial), Abu Dhabi National Insurance Company (ADNIC)
- Mr. Michel Medawar, Head of Information Technology Department, Arab Reinsurance Company
- Mr. Anil Joshi, Managing Partner, Unicorn India Ventures
- Dr. Ahmed Fagha El Maky, Director of Operations, CNASS
- Dr. Asif Syed, Chief Underwriter & Head of Claims, Munich Re Underwriting Agents (DIFC)
- Mr. Sebastian Fuchs, Managing Director, AutoData Middle East

12:35-14:00

Networking Luncheon\*

14:00-14:05

Opening

**Chairman's Address**



Mr. Uddalak Chatterjee, Senior Vice President and Head -Branch Operations, Bajaj Life Insurance

14:05-14:35

Keynote

**[Video Speech] From Friction to Delight: How Insurers can Use Design Thinking to Improve Customer Interactions**



14:35-15:05

Keynote

Ms. Farzanah Chowdhury, Managing Director & CEO, Green Delta Group

**AI-Powered Claims Automation: Streamlining the Insurance Process with Real-Time Data**



15:05-15:35

Panel

Mr. Troy Barnes, APAC Insurance Partner, CAPCO

**Building a Customer-Centric Culture:  
The Key to Success in a Digital-First Insurance World**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Muhammad Junaid Khan, Vice President - Partnerships, Watania Takaful
- Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Haider, Head of Marketing & Communications, Al Wathba Insurance
- Ms. Sonal Dawda, Head of Marketing & Corporate Communications, Dubai National Insurance and Reinsurance (P.S.C.)
- Dr. Dipankar Acharya, Chief Executive Officer, APA Insurance
- Dr. Ravi Seshadri, Strategic Advisor- Insurance and InsurTech, APAC & MENA

15:35-16:05

Networking Coffee Break

16:05-16:35

Keynote

**The Blended Model of Distribution: A 'High Touch' model enabled by 'High Tech'**



Mr. Sandeep Mishra, Chief Distribution Officer - Proprietary, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance

16:35-17:15

Panel

**Leveraging Technologies and Partnerships in Distribution: the Future of Selling**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Akshy Thiagarajan, Insurtech Ecosystem Builder
- Mr. Rizwan Munir, Managing Director, Star 2 Consulting
- Ms. Kausar Hamad, Senior Vice President, EFU General Insurance
- Mr. David Howard, Head of Propositions and Partnerships, Corporate Life & Pensions, Zurich Middle East
- Mr. Bharath Venepally, Head Of Partnerships, Bancassurance & Affinity, LIVA Group
- Mr. Aditya Kaul, Head of Partnerships & Strategy, Chubb Digital Partners, Chubb
- Mr. Ravi Kumar Chitturi, CTO & Co-Founder, Monocept

17:15-17:45

Panel

**Building an Insurance Brand for the Future:  
Marketing to Gen Z and Millennial Consumers in MENA**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Haider, Head of Marketing & Communications, Al Wathba Insurance
- Mr. Sandeep Mishra, Chief Distribution Officer - Proprietary, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
- Mr. Prakashan Kodakkadan, Chief Underwriting Officer, Alliance Insurance PSC
- Ms. Reetika Paliwal, Vice President - Business Excellence & Corporate Governance, Daman - National Health Insurance Company
- Ms. Rakhee Anand, Head of Distribution - Personal Lines, LIVA Group
- Mr. Sachin Janghel, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, GOQii Technologies Pvt Ltd

17:45-17:50

Closing Remark of Day 2



Registration 08:00 - 09:00  
09:00 - 09:10

Registration & Morning Hour

Chairman's Address



Mr. Makoto Okubo, General Manager, International Affairs,  
Nippon Life Insurance Company

## Committing to Innovation

09:10-09:40

Keynote

**Developing the Case for Transformation in Insurance**



Mr. Joshua Carless, General Manager, Strategy, QBE Insurance

09:40-10:10

Keynote

**The Future of InsurTech: How GAIP Is Shaping a Sustainable, Collaborative & Globally Connected Insurance Ecosystem**



Dr. Aftab Hasan, Founder & Chairman, Global Association of InsurTech Professionals (GAIP) & Founder & Chairman, Risk Exchange DIFC Limited

10:10-10:40

Keynote

**Digital Insurance in Iran- A Case Study on Day Insurance's Digital Transformation Journey**



Mr. Sadegh Kian, Deputy CEO for Technology and Smart Systems, Day Insurance

10:40-11:10

Networking Coffee Break

11:10-11:35

Keynote

**[Video Speech] Reinsurance at the Crossroads of Climate Risk and Renewable Energy in the MENA Region: Rethinking Protection for a Volatile Transition**



Dr. Amany Elmahy, Chief Executive, Misr Insurance Company & Chief Country Officer, AIWA under AIO

11:35-12:05

Panel

**Building a Digital Insurance Ecosystem:  
Collaboration Between Insurers, Insurtechs, and Tech Vendors**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Sadia Noori, CMO & Digital Transformation Leader
- Mr. Rahul Prasad, Chief Executive Officer, HDFC International Life and Re
- Mr. Hamid Reza Parvazi, Head of Digital Business Development Committee, Iran Insurers' Syndicate
- Mr. Danish Kazi, Head of Accident & Health, Sukoon Insurance
- Mr. Anand Dev Dhand, Head - Global Alliances and International Markets, LeadSquared
- Mr. Bilal Türkmen, CEO, Destech Technology Group

12:05-12:35

Panel

**The Future of Insurance in the Age of Digital Assets:  
Opportunities, Risks, and Regulation**  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Silvija Clark, Director of Institutional Sales, BurjX
- Mr. Shammi Kapoor, SVP & Head - Operations, CS and Health Claims, Magma General Insurance
- Mr. Cagdas Cimentepe, Head of Underwriting and Claims, ANADOLU HAYAT EMEKLİLİK
- Mr. Bharat Kansal, Marsh Multinational Leader - UAE, Senior Vice President, Marsh Emirates Insurance Brokerage
- Mr. Vijay Raghushankar, Head of Techno-Marketing - Medical Business, Al Sagr National Insurance Company (ASNIC)
- Dr. Rohit Tiwari, Experienced Digital Leader

12:35-14:00

Networking Luncheon\*

14:00-14:05

Opening

Chairman's Address



Dr. Nilay Ranjan Singh, Chief Executive Officer, State Bank of India

14:05-14:20

Keynote

Digital Bancassurance Transformation in Iran and Middle East



Dr. Vahid Nowbahar, Head of Bancassurance Expert Desk, Insurance Research Center (Central Insurance of I.R. Iran)

14:20-15:00

Panel

Shaping the Future of Digital Takaful: Innovation, Inclusion & Growth  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Sadia Noori, CMO & Digital Transformation Leader
- Ms. Chuma Qwalela, Head of Strategy and Business Integration, Rand Mutual - RMA
- Mr. Khurram Muhammad, Executive Vice President- Head of IT, Salaam Takaful
- Mr. Ashish Mahajan, Chief Operating Officer, Methaq Takaful Insurance Company
- Dr. Einas Hamouda, Head of Claims Employee Benefits, Sukoon Takaful
- Mr. Mohsin Aikal, Head of Liabilities & Customer Segmentation, ADIB - Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

15:00-15:40

Panel

Building the Digital Health Insurance Ecosystem:  
From Coverage to Care  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Vidya Veerapandian, Founder- FWD and Co- Founder - FS Brew
- Mr. Omer Ehtesham, Senior Executive Leader, Bupa Arabia
- Dr. Birendra Yadav, Deputy Vice President, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company
- Mr. Saurabh Mahajan, Ex-VP-Digital Solutions, Prudential Financial
- Mr. Aon Raza, Head of Transformation, Al Wathba Insurance
- Mr. Motasem Bdeir, Head of Business Development, Platinum Insurance Broker L.L.C

15:40-16:10

Networking Coffee Break

16:10-16:50

Panel

Cybersecurity Challenges in MENA's Digital Insurance Landscape and Key Technological Trends Shaping Cyber Defense  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Mr. Abdullah Faisal Biary, Chief Information Security Officer, United Cooperative Assurance
- Mr. Adnan Abu AlHajja'a, Chief Risk Officer (CRO), RAKINSURANCE
- Mr. Robert Storer, VP, Head of Middle East, Cyber, Mosaic Insurance
- Dr. Ahmed Aldammas, Executive Director Data Management Cybersecurity and Risk, The Council of Cooperative Health Insurance
- Mr. George B. Alayon Jr., Deputy Director, FinTech Department, Bermuda Monetary Authority

16:50-17:30

Panel

Women in Technology: Navigating Power Dynamics: Strategies for Success  
Moderator: Panelists:



- Ms. Zein Shiiyab, Chief Corporate Services and Technology Officer, Trust Holding
- Ms. Chuma Qwalela, Head of Strategy and Business Integration, Rand Mutual - RMA
- Ms. Shauna Vistad, Senior Vice President, Medical Investigations and Audit, Daman - National Health Insurance Company
- Ms. Nazrin Veerankutty, Head of IT Services and Business Transformation, Zurich Middle East
- Ms. Sadia Noori, CMO & Digital Transformation Leader
- Ms. Shima Ara, Deputy CEO, Saman Insurance Co.

17:30-17:35

Closing Remark of Day 2

## Discuss with Your Peers



### Interactive Lunch Roundtables

- Insurers only, Invited only
- 10-15 members for each roundtable
- Director level or above
- Exclusive Sponsor for each roundtable

**\* Note:**

1. For invited guests, please select more than 3 roundtables and we will allocate the seats around 2-3 weeks before the event to confirm which roundtable(s) we wish you to be in.
2. A roundtable less than 10 members will be cancelled.

12:30-14:00

Roundtable 01	Accelerating GenAI Adoption: How Generative AI can Accelerate the Digital Transformation of the Insurance Industry
Roundtable 02	Enhancing Insurer Success: the Latest CX Trends in Insurance
Roundtable 03	Unlock the Value of Right Data and Insightful Analytics
Roundtable 04	Prepare for the Next Generation: Winning the Hearts of Gen Z
Roundtable 05	Insurance Products Innovation in the Digital Age
Roundtable 06	Digital First: How Insurers Can Create Seamless, Omni-Channel Customer Journeys to drive growth
Roundtable 07	The Future of Brokers: Evolving in the Digital Age and with the Changing Customer Needs
Roundtable 08	Bridging the Protection Gap: Underwriting Emerging Risks with Evolving Technologies and Digital Solutions
Roundtable 09	Elevating Claims Experience with Digital and New Technology
Roundtable 10	The Future of Underwriting: the Key Imperatives for Insurers
Roundtable 11	The Future of Motor Insurance : Trends and Innovations

## Amplify Digital Achievements

Transformation Alley	08:00 - 18:00	Showcase	A high-traffic area for leading insurers/techs to showcase their successful digital transformation products/projects/journeys with a poster/Booth/innovative space/TV
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## Building Tech Ecosystems

Demo Corner	08:00 - 18:00	Demo	A high-traffic area for insurtechs/tech vendors to demonstrate their innovative digital technologies/ products/ solutions with a desk and a TV.
Exhibition	08:00 - 18:00	Booth	Booth in the high-traffic networking space
Lunch Roundtable	13:40-14:00	Roundtable	Closed-door discussion among a group of experts relevant to a certain topic
Digital Connect	09:00-18:00	Connect	Meeting zone to connect digital buyers with digital providers



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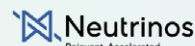


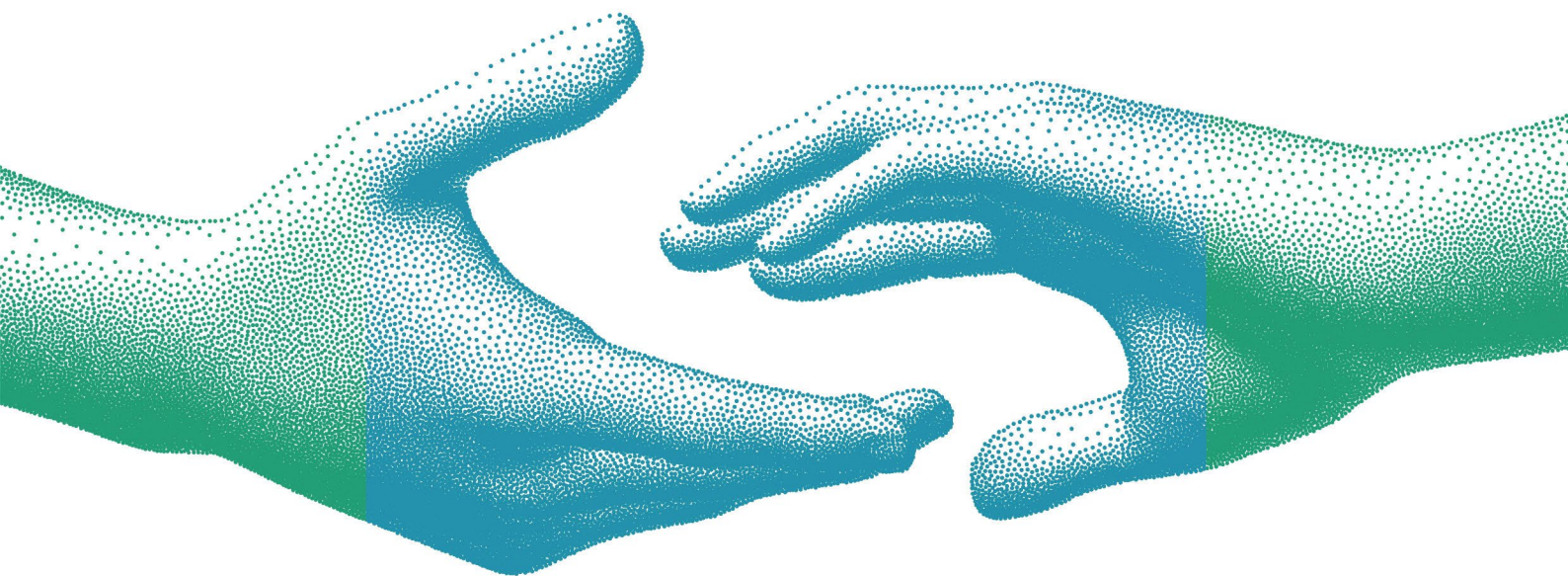
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