

AIE... LET IT GROW!



In 2018, the African Insurance Exchange opened the South African insurance industry to the rest of the continent on a scale never seen before.

FAnews spoke to the Insurance Institute of South Africa (IISA) CEO Thokozile Mahlangu to find out what we can expect from the 2019 African Insurance Exchange.

What do the organisers of the African Insurance Exchange plan to do differently in 2019?

Conference partners have taken the feedback from the 2018 conference very seriously. It will serve as a guideline for planning for the upcoming African Insurance Exchange.

We have appointed an experienced event organiser which is well versed in the insurance industry to ensure that not only the logistics are sorted, but that all attendees can maximise their investment in attending the event. Some of the topics at this year's conference will include:

- change management;
- cyber risk;
- technology;
- financial instability;
- healthcare; and
- global and local political change.

How are you going to ensure that this year's conference will be a success?

The theme of growing and learning together will be the basis of all activities that will take place at the conference.

The focus will be on delivering papers to share knowledge and stimulate discussions and debates on matters impacting the industry locally and globally.

Furthermore, there will be sporting activities spearheaded by industry players that will be aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle as well as networking. This goes beyond the annual golf tournament with a few surprises in store.

There will also be mentoring platforms where veterans will be called upon to impart their knowledge with delegates in a casual yet impactful platform.

What else can we expect from the conference?

The conference early bird registration fee has been kept at the same cost as last year, to bring ease in the overall conference costs.

Furthermore, corporate partners and individual members will still be able to register at this fee post early bird registration.

The insurance industry is the bedrock of our economy. 2019 is election year and economic pressures are unlikely to let up.

As such, we are excited that our conference will offer opportunities for networking, sharing ideas, building on existing relationships and driving further innovation.

The African Insurance Exchange highlights the need for insurers to develop world class products and services that are world class yet uniquely African. ●

"The African Insurance Exchange 2019 will bring together relevant experts and industry representatives from around the world to present papers on topics pertinent to the industry, stimulate discussions and debates that will keep delegates engaged throughout the conference. We hope that



the deliberations from the speakers and other planned activities will benefit the participants to update their knowledge for the betterment of the industry."

Thokozile Mahlangu
Chief Executive Officer, IISA

"The African Insurance Exchange has been a highlight for the insurance industry for some time. This event offers important opportunities to learn more about our industry, the environment we operate in, as well as the ever-changing face of consumers. From the input received from the industry this conference serves, the organising committee is hard at work to tailor the conference in format, content, learning and networking opportunities that aims to meet the needs



and expectations of the industry. We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's African Insurance Exchange.

Vivienne Pearson
Chief Executive Officer, SAIA

"The African Insurance Exchange conference is one of the largest insurance conferences in Africa. It offers a great opportunity to learn and network with leaders of the industry. We have conferred with the conference partners and organisers to provide input on topics and themes which are of relevance and interest to advisers and brokers. We want to encourage our members from all insurance disciplines to



attend the conference to develop what they have, learn something new and build relationships with stakeholders."

Lizelle van der Merwe
Chief Executive Officer, FIA