



INTRODUCTION TO THE MICROINSURANCE NETWORK

The mission of the Microinsurance Network is to promote the development and proliferation of good-value insurance products for low-income persons by providing a platform for information sharing and stakeholder coordination.

In support of its mission, the Microinsurance Network:

- Distils and disseminates lessons learnt to promote client-driven and good-value insurance;
- Raises awareness on the demand and potential for microinsurance among key stakeholders;
- Contributes to the development of good practices for the industry.

HISTORY

The Microinsurance Network was originally established in 2002 as the CGAP Working Group on Microinsurance by organisations that saw value in working together to increase impact.

After having outgrown its informal systems and procedures, the Microinsurance Network decided in 2007 that it needed a clearer membership and organisational structure to accommodate the expansion of interest and activities in microinsurance and the arrival of more and new stakeholders.

The Microinsurance Network works with a broad range of stakeholders and maintains low income people at the centre of all its activities, prioritising work and actions that meet clients' needs while protecting their interests and well-being.

MEMBERS

The Microinsurance Network is a membership association of donor organisations, multilateral agencies, insurance professionals, promoters, technical assistance providers, researchers, practitioners and other interested parties that are involved in microinsurance.

The Network currently has over 40 institutional members and just under 20 individual members. With each institution having on average 3 members, the Microinsurance Network is represented by over 150 people, all of whom are active in microinsurance, the Network and/or the Working Groups.

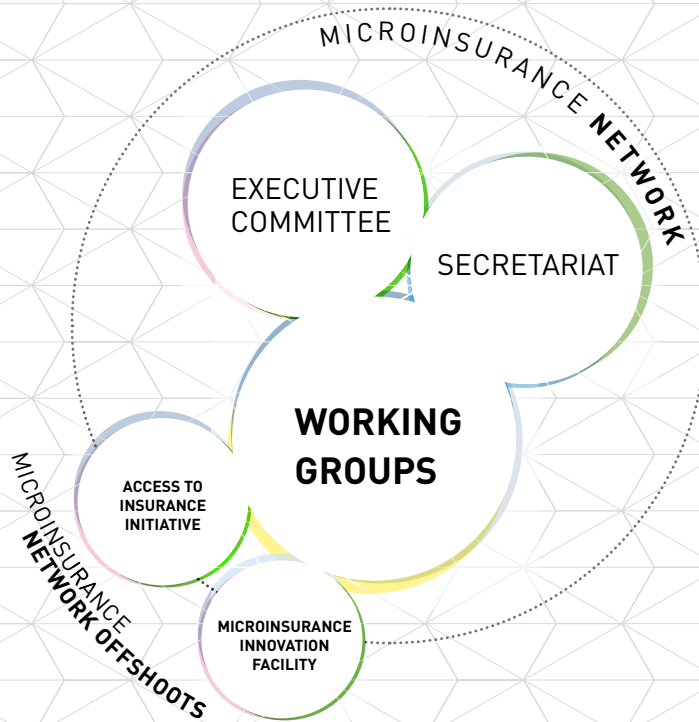
INTERNATIONAL MICROINSURANCE CONFERENCE

In collaboration with the Microinsurance Network, the Munich Re Foundation has organised the annual International Microinsurance Conference since 2005. Experts from around the world and from all types of institutions including non-government organisations, development-aid organisations, and the insurance industry meet to exchange experiences and to discuss the challenges of extending insurance to low income households. The conference is always followed by the Microinsurance Network General Assembly.

STRUCTURE

The Microinsurance Network is coordinated by an Executive Committee and a Secretariat which is based in Luxembourg and hosted by ADA asbl. The chair is held by Craig Churchill from the ILO.

The Microinsurance Network is organised into several dynamic Working Groups to allow in-depth work on specific topics and issues. They provide the forum for undertaking detailed operational or technical activities and result in specific projects.



WORKING GROUPS

Working Groups are dynamic collaborations between members, whose size and duration depends on the activity. They consist of individuals interested in the specific subject and are moderated by a facilitator, who is an expert in the field.

The research and publications of the individual Working Groups are an essential and valuable asset for anyone involved in microinsurance, and contribute considerably to the Network's mission of promoting good-value microinsurance products.

The current Working Groups are Agriculture, Capacity Building, Distribution, Health, Impact, Insurance Education, Performance Indicators, Regulation Supervision and Policy, Social Protection and Technology.

For more information, please visit our website or contact the Microinsurance Network secretariat.