

The 2nd Actuarial, Finance, Risk and Insurance Congress (AFRIC 2)

SUMMARY 2nd Actuarial, Finance, Risk and Insurance Congress

DATE Sunday, 08 June 2025 – Friday, 13 June 2025

VENUE Muthu Keekorok Lodge, Maasai Mara, Kenya

Co-hosts School of Risk and Actuarial Studies, UNSW Sydney

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The University of Nairobi

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Sunday, 8 June 2025

Time	Session Details
13:00 - 17:00	Registration
18:00 - late	Welcome Reception
	Bush Dinner

Monday, 9 June 2025

Time	Session Details
08:30 - 08:50	Official Opening & Welcome Remarks & Housekeeping
	Maasai Welcome
	Plenary Session Guest of Honour Address: Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi
08:50 - 09:10	Professor Margaret J. Hutchinson
	Chair: Patrick Weke
09:10 - 10:00	Plenary Session: Hansjorg Albrecher
	Chair: Mukami Njeru
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 11:30	Round Table Discussion on AI and Climate Setting tone for the workshop
	Chair: George Odera
	Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change and Geographical Information Systems
11:30 - 13:00	Workshop
	Facilitators: Microsoft
	Chair: Samuel Chege Maina
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
	Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change and Geographical Information Systems
14:00 - 16:30	Workshop
	Facilitators: Microsoft
16:30 - 19:00	Afternoon Tea + Networking





Tuesday, 10 June 2025

Time	Session Details	
08:30 - 09:50	Contributed Talks	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T1.1: Mortality I	Room 1
	Chair: Emmah Feyani	
8:30	Fadina - Stochastic mortality in the light of pandemic risk	
8:50	Villegas - Post-Retirement Age Mortality in Australia: A Quantification of Socio- Economic Differences	
9:10	Vekas - Mortality forecasting in geographical space and time – spatial and panel, econometric techniques in the Lee–Carter and Li–Lee models	
9:30	Mwau - Modeling Pricing and Profit Testing of Chronic Disease's Insurance Policies Using Prostate Cancer data in Kenya	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T1.2: Climate Risk I	Room 2
	Chair: Rhoda Dadzie-Dennis	
08:30	Malavasi - Climate Risks and Their Influence on Environmental Beliefs and Actions Across Australia	
08:50	Kiesel - A probabilistic approach to assess Net-Zero commitments	
09:10	Katlholo - Actuaries in Sustainability: A focus on incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) and Climate Risks in Short-Term Insurance, Bornhuetter-Ferguson Loss Reserving Method	
09:30	Collins - Financial Disclosures related to Climate Change and Nature Loss	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T1.3: Risk Management	Room 3
	Chair: Isaac Takaidza	
08:30	Watambwa - Operational risk management within financial institutions	
08:50	Muiruri - Reproducibility in Risk	
09:10	Krutto - Navigating Biosecurity Risks in Aquaculture: Implications for Food Security	
09:30	Takaidza - Mathematical Modelling and Optimal Control of Creditworthiness	
10:00 - 10:40	Plenary Session: Andrew Cairns	
	Chair: Ayse Arik	
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T2.1: Machine Learning	Room 1
	Chair: Patrick Laub	KOOIII 1
11:00	Riis-Due Reinforcement Learning in Continuous Time for Optimal Reinsurance	
11:20	Wei - Periodic Evaluation of DC Pension Fund - a Reinforcement Learning Approach	
11:40	Laub - Actuarial Neural Networks and Uncertainty	
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	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T2.2: Reserving	Room 2
	Chair: Collin Ramsay	
11:00	Badescu - Marked Cox Models for IBNR Claims Count: continuous versus discretized approaches	
11:20	Angoua - Mechanism Design for the acceleration claims recourse in third party liability in Cote d'Ivoire, and the restauration of the population's trust in the insurance industry	
11:40	Ramsay - Beyond the Chain Ladder: A Different Approach to Calculating Loss Reserves	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T2.3: Pensions - Optimal life-cycle	Room 3
	Chair: Sure Mataramvura	
11:00	van Bilsen - Optimal Savings and Portfolio Choice with Risky Income and Loss-Aversion	
11:20	Liu - Optimal Investment, Constraint, and Capital Allocation Strategy for Collective Pension Schemes during the Decumulation Phase	
11:40	Mataramvura - The two pot retirement scheme in South Africa, a stochastic game theoretical analysis	
12:05 - 13:00	Panel/ Roundtable Discussion	
12.05 15.00	Chair: Mukami Njeru	
	Topic: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts: Implications for Global Finance and Risk	
	Management	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:20	Contributed Talks	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T3.1: Finance and Energy	Room 1
	Chair: Ahmad Salahnejhad Ghalehjooghi	
14:00	Sibanda - Impacts of ESG on the financial performance of JSE-listed companies	
14:20	Ahmad - Purchasing Power Parity theory in exchange rate determination: Evidences from the G-20 Nations	
14:40	Irangi - The effect of investor sentiment and geopolitical risks on the nature of stock returns volatility in East African stock markets	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session T3.2: Climate Risk and Pensions	Room 2
	Chair: Edwin Afitile	
14:00	Wang - Multi-output Extreme Spatial Model for Climate Risk Assessment and Management	
14:20	Chiganga - Actuaries as Architects of African Resilience: Mobilizing Pension Funds for SME and Start-up Investment	
14:40	Hernandez - Ideas to Mitigating the Global Pension Crisis	
15:00	Afitile - Integrating climate data into claims forecasting for a general insurance company	
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15:20 - late Afternoon Tea + Networking

19:00 - 22:00 **Dinner**

Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Time	Session Details	
11:00 - 11:40	Plenary Session: Gordon Phillips	
	Chair: Elvira Sojli	
11:40 - 12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00 - 13:00	Contributed Talks	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W2.1: Pensions - Pooling	Room 1
	Chair: Gayani Thalagoda	
12:00	Olivieri - Markov Ageing multi-state group self-annuitization	
12:20	Feng - Pension Parity: Are Current Systems Detrimental Amidst Population Aging for Future Generations?	
12:40	Thalagoda - An assessment framework for equitable longevity pooling arrangements	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W2.2: Non-life	Room 2
	Chair: Margus Pihlak	
12:00	Ibrahim - The integration of telematics data into traditional insurance pricing	
12:20	Blier-Wong - Multi-view spatial embeddings for insurance portfolio analytics	
12:40	Pihlak - Dynamic modeling using Metropolis algorithm	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W2.3: Applied Probability	Room 3
	Chair: Hélène Cossette	
12:00	Konstantinides - Random vectors in the presence of a single big jump	
12:20	Cossette - Risk models from tree-structured Markov random fields following multivariate Poisson Distribution	
12:40	Marceau - Actuarial Fire-Spreading Model Based on Tree-Structured Markov Random Fields, with Insurance Applications	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Panel Discussion: Africa's Access to global financial markets	
	Chair: Jerry Parwada	





15:00 - 16:20	Contributed Talks	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W3.1: Mortality II	Room 1
	Chair: Jean-François Begin	
15:00	Begin - Modelling seasonal mortality: An age-period-cohort approach	
15:20	Barigou - Granular mortality modelling with temperature-and epidemiological-related shocks: a three-state regime-switching approach	
15:40	Smart - Creating Complete Mortality Life Tables for CARICOM: The Cases of Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica	
16:00	Arik - An analysis on mortality improvements after COVID-19	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W3.2: Life insurance valuation	Room 2
	Chair: Jeniffer Alonso-Garcia	
15:00	Vanmaele - Multi-step fair valuation	
15:20	A dekambi - Valuation of equity-linked death benefits with time until-death following a Bivariate Sarmanov Phase-Type Distribution	
15:40	Ungolo - An Augmented Variable Dirichlet Process Mixture model for the analysis of dependent lifetimes	
16:00	Alonso-Garcia - Variable annuities: a closer look at ratchet guarantees, hybrid contract designs, and taxation	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W3.3: Market Efficiency	Room 3
	Chair: Energy Sonono	
15:00	Mare - Market Efficiency and Equity Index Futures Arbitrage in South Africa	
15:20	Twongirwe - Can Foreign Investors Predict Better? Investment Horizons, Investor Domicile, and Stock Return Predictability	
15:40	Sonono - Stock price directional forecasting using Bayesian Al	
16:20 - 16:30	Afternoon Tea	
16:30 - 17:50	Contributed Talks	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W4.1: Finance I	Room 1
	Chair: Cara Vansteenkiste	
16:30	Sojli - The Under-Disclosure of Environmental Innovations	
16:50	Darolles - Managing Hedge Fund Liquidity Risk	
17:10	Adinya - Optimal Investment Strategy with Currency Uncertainty	
17:30	Mau - Enhanced Stock Market Volatility Forecasting: A Comparative	
	Analysis of Asymmetric EGARCH, Neural Networks, and Fuzzy Inference	
GAR.	Systems at the Nairobi Securities Exchange	
	Vansteenkiste - Buying Local Favor? Establishment-Level Evidence on Strategic Non-Market Responses to Regulatory Risk	



	Contributed Talk Parallel Session W4.2: Risk Sharing	
	Chair: Beatrice Acciaio	Room 2
16:30	Acciaio - Stretched processes for optimal reinsurance	
16:50	Bernard - Risk Sharing under Ambiguity	
17:10	Riis-Due - Compensation-based risk-sharing	
17:30	Salahnejhad Ghalehjooghi - A Preliminary View on Ergodic Risk Sharing and Intergenerational Fairness in Pension Schemes	
17:50	Wang - Optimal Hedging of Longevity Risks for Group Self-Annuity Portfolios	
19:00 - 22:00	Gala Dinner	

Thursday, 12 June 2025

Time	Session Details
08:30 - 10:30	Decentralized Insurance and Risk Sharing Workshop
	Facilitators: Jan Dhaene, Runhuan Feng, Marco Mirabella and Rodrigue Kazzi
	Chair: Jan Dhaene
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 13:00	Decentralized Insurance and Risk Sharing Workshop
	Facilitators: Jan Dhaene, Runhuan Feng, Marco Mirabella and Rodrigue Kazzi
	Chair: Jan Dhaene
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 17:00	Village Tour/ Conference excursion
19:00 - 22:00	Dinner





Friday, 13 June 2025

Time	Session Details	
08:30 - 09:10	Plenary Session: Adelaide Adhiambo	
	Chair: Diana Skrzydlo	
09:20 - 10:20	Contributed Talks	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session F1.1 Pensions	Room 1
09:20	Chair: Calvin Maina Afazali - To withdraw or not to: What we learn from early access to retirement savings of the Makerere University Retirement Benefits Scheme (MURBS) in Uganda	
09:40	Dadzie-Dennis - Evaluating the resilience of pension glidepaths in a climate-sensitive economy	
10:00	Maina - Measuring the Ultimate Probability of Ruin Using Exponential-Weighted Inverse Gaussian Claim Size Distributions	
	Contributed Talk Parallel Session F1.2 Finance II Chair: Patrick Wong	Room 2
09:20	Agarwal - Fractional Differentiation in Finance: A Case Study on the Interest Rate Volatility	
09:40	Bakundana - The opioid crisis and the US mutual fund industry: Evidence from mutual fund flows	
10:00	Wong: Wishart conditional tail risk measures: A dynamic and analytic approach	
10:20 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:50	Teaching session	
11:00	Leung - Welcome Remarks	
11:05	Skrzydlo – Teaching Flexibly with Technology	
11:25	Liu - A Demo of the Excelerate Platform for Educators	
11:45	Amorim - Rethinking Actuarial Education in a Global World: The Role of Actuarial Education Companies.	
12:05	Panel/ Roundtable Discussion on exploring AI tools to enhance teaching methodologies and assessments	
12:50 - 13:00	Conference Closing and vote of thanks and reflection + next AFRIC	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	







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