

# Africa Regional Committee Annual Meeting and Workshop: Safeguarding Stability: Public Awareness and Crisis Readiness for a Stronger Future

20 – 23 July 2026

Abuja, Nigeria

The Africa Regional Committee (ARC) Annual Meeting and Workshop will focus on enhancing public awareness and crisis preparedness within deposit insurance systems, with discussions and interactive sessions centred on the revised IADI Core Principles. The workshop will provide a platform to explore strategies for effective communication, fostering public trust essential for managing financial crises. Incorporating insights from peer jurisdictions, the workshop aims to strengthen frameworks, improve collaboration among financial safety net participants, and equip deposit insurers with practical tools to maintain depositor confidence and financial stability, even during periods of systemic stress

## Monday, 20 July 2026

Registration	12:00 – 12:30
Lunch	12:30 – 13:30
Publicity Technical Committee	13:30 – 14:30
Research Technical Committee	14:30 – 15:30
Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00
Africa Regional Committee Annual Meeting	16:00 – 17:30

Meeting with Non IADI Members 17:30 – 18:00

Welcome Dinner 19:00 – 21:00

## Tuesday, 21 July 2026

Welcome Remarks 09:30 – 09:40

Opening Remarks 09:40 – 09:50

Remarks 09:50 – 10:20

Keynote Speech 10:20 – 10:40

Group Photo and Coffee Break 10:40 – 11:10

Session 1 – Building Confidence in Normal Times: Public Awareness Strategies for Deposit Insurance Topic with two columns 11:10 – 12:30

### Overview of key features of IADI Core Principle 10 (Public Awareness)

This session will provide an exploration of IADI Core Principle 10 (Public Awareness) and show how proactive, steady-state communication underpins deposit insurance public policy objectives and long-term financial stability. It will focus on translating CP 10 into a practical, year-round strategy that builds durable depositor trust, counters misinformation, and reaches diverse audiences in an inclusive way. The objectives are to equip participants with tools to craft a clear narrative about what deposit insurance is and does; segment and prioritise audiences, including underserved groups; and select effective, multi-channel outreach approaches spanning digital platforms, community engagement, media partnerships, and financial education initiatives.

Lunch

12:30 – 14:00

**Session 2 – Public Awareness in Crisis Times: Experiences and Lessons** 14:00 – 15:30

This session will focus on crisis communication during periods of financial distress, when timely, consistent, and empathetic messaging is critical to maintaining public confidence and preventing panic. It will concentrate on the real-world application of pre-approved crisis plans, spokespeople, and decision trees that enable swift, coordinated responses across the financial safety net. The objectives are to demonstrate how to develop clear messages about deposit insurance coverage, payout processes, and timelines; choose channels that work under pressure hotlines, SMS, websites, social media, broadcast media and mobilise community leaders to reach affected depositors quickly; and strengthen one-voice coordination among deposit insurers, central banks, supervisors, and finance ministries. Key topics include activation triggers and roles, managing rumours and misinformation in real time, ensuring operational readiness so depositors can access insured funds without delay, and conducting post-incident reviews to capture lessons learned. Through case reflections, participants will gain practical insights into what works, what to avoid, and how to embed continuous learning to enhance future preparedness.

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:00

**Session 3 – Roundtable Discussion: Bridging the Gap: Innovative Strategies for Public Awareness in Deposit Insurance** 16:00 – 17:30

The roundtable discussion will provide participants with an opportunity to delve deeper into the strategic and operational dimensions of public awareness within deposit insurance systems. Participants will work in groups to address a fictitious case study involving a jurisdiction with low public awareness of the deposit insurance framework. The session will encourage participants to share ideas, debate approaches, and develop creative solutions tailored to the challenges presented in the case study. The roundtable will conclude with group representatives presenting their findings, followed by a moderated discussion to synthesise key takeaways and actionable recommendations for improving public awareness strategies.

Dinner

19:00 – 22:00

## Wednesday, 22 July 2026

### Session 4 – Strengthening Crisis Preparedness by the Deposit Insurer 09:30 – 11:00

Overview of key features of IADI Core Principle 11 (Crisis Preparedness and Management)

#### Strengthening Crisis Readiness for Deposit Insurers

This session examines IADI Core Principle 11, which emphasizes the importance of robust crisis preparedness and management frameworks to ensure effective responses to potential and actual failures of insured deposit-taking institutions. It will cover the design and governance of crisis management frameworks; clear allocation of roles, responsibilities, and decision rights; escalation paths and coordination protocols with safety-net partners; and the operational readiness to execute resolution and payout actions at speed. Key topics span the deposit insurer's role in developing and regularly testing crisis preparedness and management plans, policies, and procedures. Participants will explore the need for coordinated frameworks with financial safety net participants, including the allocation of roles and responsibilities, effective crisis communication strategies, and comprehensive contingency planning. The session will also highlight the importance of conducting regular simulation exercises to test system-wide crisis preparedness and management capabilities.

### Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:20

### Session 5 – Orchestrating System-Wide Responses: Deposit Insurers in Live Crisis Operations 11:20 – 12:20

This session moves beyond preparedness to focus on how deposit insurers operate during live, system-wide episodes of stress. This session explores the critical contributions of some deposit insurers in monitoring and assessing risks, preparing for crises, and implementing resolution strategies during times of systemic stress through interagency coordination structures, such as financial crisis committees or crisis management groups. The discussion will address the complexities of early risk detection, timely intervention, and the execution of resolution frameworks under rapidly evolving conditions.

### Lunch 12:20 – 13:30

## Session 6 – Roundtable Discussion: Navigating the Storm: A Hands-On Approach to Crisis Management 13:30 – 15:00

This interactive session places participants at the centre of a hypothetical failure of a medium-sized insured deposit-taking institution, guiding them through the complexities of managing a systemic distress event. Participants will take on the roles of key financial safety net participants, deposit insurers, resolution authorities, central banks, supervisory bodies, and finance ministries within an interagency crisis management group. The session will explore the critical stages of crisis management, including early risk detection, interagency coordination, decision-making under pressure, and the implementation of resolution strategies. Participants will be invited to work in groups to devise solutions to the case, present and debate on the planned actions, and practice the knowledge on the Core Principles for crisis management.

## Coffee Break 15:00 – 15:30

## Session 7 – Future-Proofing Crisis Preparedness: Closing Gaps, Building Resilience in the ARC Region 15:30 – 17:00

This session will move beyond foundational crisis preparedness and live crisis management to focus on closing residual gaps and future-proofing ARC deposit insurance systems. As financial systems evolve and new risks emerge, ensuring robust crisis preparedness remains an ongoing challenge for deposit insurers and financial safety net participants. This session focuses on identifying and addressing further gaps in crisis preparedness frameworks for ARC deposit insurance systems. Reflecting on previous discussions, participants will discuss strategies to further enhance information-sharing frameworks, improving simulation exercises, addressing resource and capacity constraints, and ensuring the alignment of resolution strategies with public policy objectives in their jurisdictional contexts. The session will also explore the integration of emerging risks, such as those posed by fintech innovations and cyber threats into crisis preparedness plans. By fostering open dialogue and collaboration, this session aims to equip senior leaders with practical insights and strategies to close preparedness gaps, reinforce resilience, and build a more robust financial safety net for the future.

## Wrap-up and Closing Remarks 17:00 – 17:35

## Dinner 19:00 – 21:00

**Thursday, 23 July 2026**

Optional Excursion

10:00 – 17:00