

"Taking part in the ILS Swiss Summer School was an exceptionally rewarding endeavour.

It provided a compelling academic platform to contribute and gain insights into the convergence of insurance and capital markets. I was thoroughly impressed by the participants' analytical rigour, advanced domain knowledge, and profound commitment to advancing innovative ideas in alternative risk transfer and financial markets integration.

Special recognition is due to Kirill Savrassov, whose exceptional ILS knowledge and dedication to the seamless organisation of the ILS Summer School set an exemplary standard."



Prof. Dan Weiss, CPA, Dip ILS

Director of Harel Centre for Capital Markets Research
Coller School of Management, Tel Aviv University
Tel-Aviv, Israel

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"Having been on the faculty of this course since its inception, I was curious to see what the rest of the course entailed, so I signed up for the summer school. I am delighted that I did."

A great range of truly knowledgeable speakers has enhanced my knowledge and understanding of the subject and allowed me to see the viewpoints of others involved in the area. I also had a really great time and have met some exceptional people."



Clive O'Connell

Partner, Head of Insurance & Reinsurance
McCarthy Denning
London, United Kingdom

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"I'm delighted to share that I have successfully completed the Swiss Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS) Summer School and earned the Diploma in Insurance-Linked Securities. The programme offered an exceptional blend of technical learning, practical insights and meaningful discussions on catastrophe risk, alternative capital, sovereign disaster risk financing and innovative risk transfer.

As an Agriculture and Climate (Re)insurance professional, the experience reinforced my conviction that the future of climate and catastrophe risk financing lies in bringing together traditional reinsurance, capital markets and public-private partnerships to build resilience particularly for vulnerable communities across Africa.

My sincere appreciation to the convenors and guest speakers for delivering a world-class programme and creating an environment that encouraged curiosity, collaboration and challenging discussions. A special thank you to Twelve Securis and the UNDP Insurance & Risk Finance Facility (IRFF) for hosting us and providing invaluable first-hand insights into how Insurance-Linked Securities and disaster risk financing are shaping resilience at both institutional and sovereign levels. These visits transformed theory into practice and were undoubtedly among the highlights of the programme.

The future of agriculture and climate insurance will for sure, require not only better underwriting - but also smarter risk transfer instruments."



Joseph Chegeh Nduati, Dip ILS
Agriculture Underwriting & Marketing
African Reinsurance Corporation
Nairobi, Kenya

“I really appreciate Kirill Savrassov, our Convenor, to organise a very good and practical overview of ILS from all crucial perspectives: academic, practitioner, legal, investors (buyers), government, sovereign and private sellers.

ILS provides 15% to 20% of capital markets capacity to traditional reinsurance capital. Through this course, I am excited to use the knowledge to build an on the ground deal team and be able to put ILS deals together.

Practical knowledge for future action!”



Ian Lim, Dip ILS
Founder & CEO
Lexasure Financial Group
Singapore

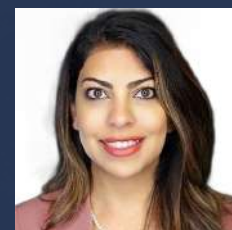
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"Today I welcomed the ILS Swiss Summer School to UNDP to talk about our global work in insurance and risk financing. This is the third year I've hosted this group, and every time it's a different set of senior professionals from across the ILS industry - always a great couple of hours of exchange."

Good to connect with such an experienced group and discuss how risk financing tools can help close the protection gap."



Tuga Alaskary

Co-chair of Sovereign and Humanitarian Solutions Working Group
Insurance Development Forum / UNDP IRFF
Geneva, Switzerland

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“The ILS Swiss Summer School was a unique opportunity for total immersion in the world of insurance-linked securities: not only from a theoretical perspective; but also, for the chance to sit with a wide variety of stakeholders, and to appreciate the nuances of their perspectives.

Fortunately, the subject matter was also rich enough, and the faculty so engaging, that we managed to avoid being too distracted by the incredibly picturesque surroundings.”



Benjamin Rose, Dip ILS

Co-founder & President, CII Board Member, IIL Chair of Reinsurance Committee
Supercede: The Reinsurance Platform
Greater London, United Kingdom

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"I attended the 2025 Summer School in Switzerland on behalf of a client as well as for a future project and was nothing but impressed.

From start to finish the content was excellent - both insightful and timely, the course gave an in-depth and critical assessment of the outlook for the ILS industry. More importantly the course helped me identify market opportunities in what is a fast-growing industry

Aside the tier-one content, the course was very well organised, and the venue / hospitality was excellent. The attendees were also key leaders in their field, and the networking / meetings (including at the UNDP) was excellent

Whilst the location was also incredible, the beautiful scenery, strong content and great lecturers / key industry attendees and excellent hospitality made the course a must attend for anyone seeking to broaden their ILS knowledge base. In short I cannot recommend this summer school enough."



Nicholas Cobb, Dip ILS
Founder and Director
CEC Global Communications
Dover, United Kingdom

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"Attending the week-long training on Insurance Linked Securities (ILS) was an extraordinary experience. The program was meticulously structured, combining in-depth theoretical knowledge with practical insights, which provided a comprehensive understanding of the ILS market. Each session was led by top-tier professionals and esteemed educators who brought a wealth of expertise and real-world experience to the table. Their passion and dedication were truly inspiring, making complex concepts accessible and engaging."

The interactive nature of the training fostered an environment of collaboration and learning, encouraging us to ask questions and engage in thoughtful discussions. Networking opportunities were abundant, allowing me to connect with industry leaders and fellow participants from diverse backgrounds. These interactions enriched my learning experience and opened doors to future collaborations and professional growth."

Overall, this training deepened my understanding of ILS and equipped me with practical skills that I am eager to apply in my professional endeavours. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and highly recommend this program to anyone looking to advance their knowledge and career in the field of Insurance-Linked Securities."



Laurent Montador, Dip ILS

Deputy CEO

Arundo Re

Paris, France

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"The ILS summer school was a perfect blend of practical knowledge-transfer and technical demystification of the fundamentals of ILS as an asset class. As we learned, this is perhaps the least understood class of alternative investment globally. The participants and lectures were top-notch, coming from around the world and sharing experiences.

And and more than that, attendees were coalescing to provide insights and a foundation to work together with other classmates in the industry to help build ILS instruments to support global development and to help close disaster response financing gaps. The on-site visits to UNDP and to ILS top investment funds added a unique perspective to this singular course.

Highly recommended for anyone thinking globally about the intersection between insurance and capital markets."



Timothy Nielander, Dip ILS
President
GP3 Institute
Irvine, USA

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"The ILS Summer School was a great learning experience in technical knowledge and networking with industry leaders. The courses were of a very high level, alternating between professional and academic instructors.

It is a course highly recommended for anyone who wants to learn more about the boundaries between insurance and finance through Insurance-linked Securities."



Joseph Eyok, Dip ILS
Head of Actuarial
African Risk Capacity
Paris, France

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"I found the summer school extremely beneficial in expanding my knowledge about the ILS universe by meeting several influential figures in the industry, exchanging ideas, networking with professionals from diverse backgrounds. The lecturers were first class and the content of course material contained great substance but also enabled interactive discussions.

I would highly recommend this course to any individual who would like to augment their knowledge in ILS but also meet with leading professionals specialised in this field."



Okan Caglayan, Dip ILS
Partner & Practice Leader
Lockton Re
London, United Kingdom

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“This in-person course on ILS exceeded my expectations, delivering an outstanding learning and networking experience.

The caliber of instructors and participants was impressive. The course brought together industry leaders, other experienced professionals, and academics.

Personal highlights included detailed discussions about investment decisions and sovereign disaster risk financing led by accomplished people actively working in these areas.

Highly recommended.”



David Gletsu, Dip ILS
Financial Services Professional
Frontier Bermuda (an ARTEX company)
Hamilton, Bermuda

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*“Great opportunity to meet the leading participants in the ILS space in a focused environment.
Well organised and with a broad spread of topics.*

*Very good to be in person rather than online. I learned a lot and am keen to apply some of the
lessons learned in the coming months.*

*I heartily recommend the course to anyone who wishes to reinforce or develop their understanding
of the ILS market and all that it can do to revolutionise insurance and reinsurance.”*



Jonathan Biles, Cert ILS
Founder
Gate Insurance Group
Dubai, UAE

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“The Insurance-Linked Securities Summer School ran again from July 22 to July 26, 2024 in Lausanne and Zurich. A variety of presentations gave insight into insurance-linked securities from the investors’ as well as from the sponsors’ perspective. Particular emphasize was put on sovereign disaster risk finance instruments, a category which surely will find more attraction in the future.

I had the pleasure of presenting the reinsurers’ view on insurance-linked securities. All participants, already very experienced in their respective areas of expertise, were highly motivated and interested in learning more about the various aspects of insurance-linked securities. In all, it was an excellently organized course with surely lot’s of benefits for all participants.”



Henning Ludolphs
Managing Director, Retrocession & Capital Markets
Hannover Re SE
Hannover, Germany

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“This course was well worth the cost and time investment. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for an efficient way to get up the ILS learning curve.

I cannot praise enough the excellent instructors who are leading practitioners from investment management, reinsurance and legal backgrounds.

Coming from a capital market derivatives in-house legal background, I benefited most from engaging with experienced reinsurance practitioners and ILS investment managers in class and over meals as we jointly explored this innovative form of alternative risk transfer.

Lastly, the course location a short walk from the breathtaking beauty of Lake Lemman made it an unforgettable experience.”



Hubert Lem, Dip ILS
Legal Counsel
Beati Management Limited
Hong Kong

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“The Fundamentals of ILS Summer School was a unique opportunity to come together with professionals from the industry and those new to it to focus for a few days on the key issues in the market and discuss them with people from around the world.

It is an amazing learning experience, not only for the students but also for the faculty. Established concepts are challenged and innovations explored in a group of people who share a passion for the subject.

I am very privileged to have been a part of it.”



Clive O'Connell
Head of Insurance & Reinsurance
McCarthy Denning
London, United Kingdom

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“It was a pleasure to introduce the participants to the financial instrument CAT Bonds from an investor's perspective at the ILS Summer School. The international class consisted of highly motivated participants from the reinsurance industry. This enabled discussions at a high level, which were fruitful for all participants. The exchange with the other speakers was also valuable.

One highlight (in my view) was the visit to the United Nations Development Program, which gave us an insight into its goals, tasks and current challenges. The importance of CAT bonds as an efficient tool for disaster risk reduction was emphasized, especially for poorer developing countries that are exposed to the dangers of climate change.

The course provided the participants with know-how, broadened their horizons and gave them the opportunity to network at a high level - I therefore highly recommend the ILS Summer School.”



Elia Di Nardo
Senior Client Director
Plenum Investments AG
Lucerne, Switzerland

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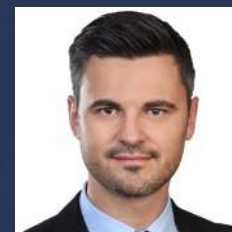
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“Being a lecturer in the Insurance-Linked Securities Swiss Summer School has been an immensely rewarding experience. The program attracts high-caliber professionals who are leaders in their fields, creating an environment of inspiring and thought-provoking discussions.

Contributing a session on academic research in Insurance-Linked Securities, I was thoroughly impressed by the participants' depth of knowledge and eagerness to engage with cutting-edge ideas.

This summer school is a unique opportunity to network with and learn from top-tier experts, making it an invaluable experience for anyone involved in the industry.”



Prof. Dr. Alexander Braun

Director

Institute of Insurance Economics of St.Gallen University
St.Gallen, Switzerland

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"I really enjoyed sharing my experience with the attendees of the Insurance-Linked Securities Swiss summer school. But it was more than just about teaching - I learned a lot from other lecturers and students alike.

The average caliber of participants was very high, the level of detail they were happy to go into was incredible, and the overall atmosphere was that of excitement and discovery. The social part of the programme was also helpful in forging new relationships which are likely to last for a lifetime.

I would strongly recommend this programme for anyone serious about making ILS a part of their career. You will get everything you need - from the framework to the nitty-gritty from some of the best professionals in the industry."



Oleg Kapinos, CAIA
Senior Investment Product Specialist
Tokio Marine Asset Management
London, United Kingdom

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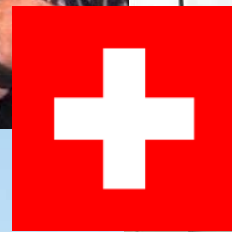
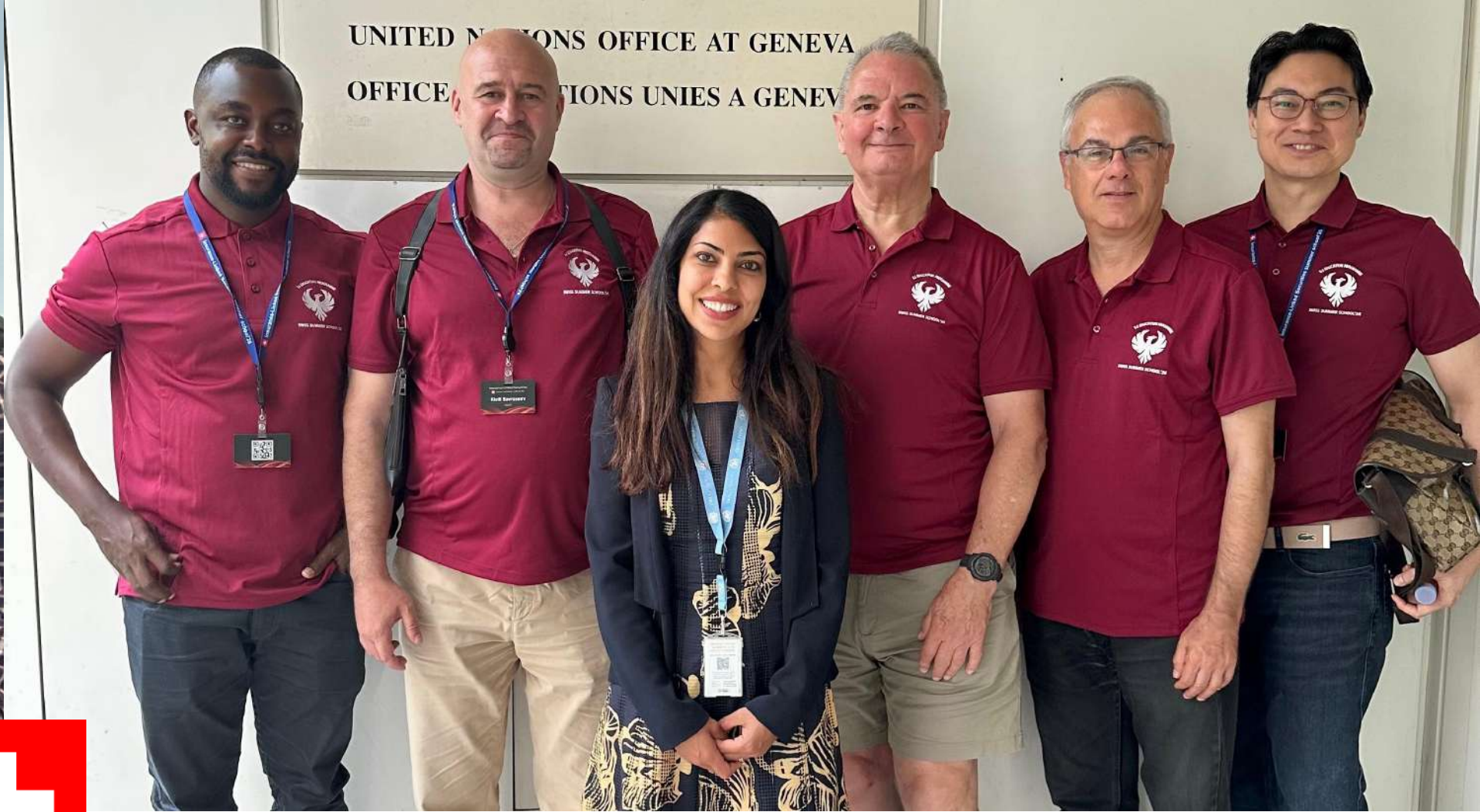


"It was a great event that brought together many professionals from different areas of the reinsurance and asset management industry. It confirmed that ILS continues to bring together different areas of expertise and experience."

"These types of events are always fruitful in terms of exchanging views and understanding the different needs and challenges faced by the various market players in order to find forward-looking solutions for the future."



Raffaele Dell'Amore
Partner, Head ILS Centre of Competence
SIGLO Capital Advisors AG
Zurich, Switzerland







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Judges' comments:

"This submission stands out for its exceptional education program in the Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS) sector. The program's blend of online and in-person learning, real-world case studies, and practitioner access addresses a rapidly growing, specialized market segment. It effectively spreads knowledge across numerous firms, benefiting the wider industry. The initiative's focused approach to developing qualified professionals is highly valuable. Overall, it is a top-tier contribution to industry education."

