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## SESSION 5 REGULATING INSURTECH SOLUTIONS

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# Regulating Insurtech Solutions: An Overview

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# **Regulating Innovations**



Innovation introduces new products, business models and market players Challenges regulators to expand capacities and oversee the disruptive impact



Sub-optimal regulatory response can

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## **Over-regulating**

• Too high entry barriers

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- Limited space for new players in the regulations
- Consumer protection issues

## Under – regulating

- Too little regulations create risks for the market and the customer
- Under defined regulations can confuse players

# Regulating for Innovation is Cross-cutting



## Supervisors need to Balance 3 Main Considerations



Provide an enabling regulatory environment for innovation and scale



Ensure fair treatment of consumers who may have little income and limited insurance and digital awareness



Work within constraints of a market that may not have capacity

## Issues in Digital Insurance Market Development



### Slow pace of approvals

- Stretched regulators vs Fast moving insurtechs
- Regulatory capacities



### The regulatory grey areas

- More than one set of regulation
- New 'types' of players emerge



### Pro-paper/anti-digital requirements

- Mode of contracts, signatures etc.
- Regulations not adapted to innovations

Building capacities of regulators Dialogue with industry, tech disruptors and other regulators in the market

## Protecting Customer's Interests in the Digital Insurance Market Place



- The client knows she has a coverage
- She actively chooses to be covered
- She knows who/where to ask

- The coverage makes sense
- Every fair claim is raised and paid
- She knows who to complain to

- Her data is used with her consent
- Need to know use only

# Ghana's Balancing Act



Legend

# How to succeed in this balancing act?

- 1. Look at the big picture it is not just about regulation identify the supply, demand, policy and regulatory barriers and opportunities
- 2. Focus on the regulatory barriers and opportunities and address them in a proportional way considering the current stage of the market





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Regulatory and Supervision considerations for Digital Inclusive Insurance Solutions

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### Historic account of digital inclusive insurance solutions

- In Zambia, like in many African countries, digital inclusive insurance solutions were mainly through loyalty products in the early 2000s.
- Evidently these loyalty products achieved significant scale
- However, numerous products were discontinued or phased out
- Loss of coverage for millions of MNO subscribers
- Partnership fall off due to strategic decisions or conflicting priorities between MNOs, insurance companies and technical service providers (TSPs)
- Huge implication on the reputation of insurance as an effective risk management service for lowincome market segments
- Most loyalty products had serious consumer communication, awareness and education limitations



### **Experiences: Digital offerings and solutions in Zambia**





Airtel Life





# MTN Life after Life

MTN DriveSure MTN EduSure - Life (for education of insured's children)

Hollard.





Life Accident Health





- Digital solutions can be an effective scale driver
- 4 million + with Airtel
- 1 million + MTN AYO
- 2. Dynamic distribution (Insurer, Insurtech and MNO)
- 3. Low touch approach alone is not effective
- 4. Technology through digital solutions is simply an enabler not silver bullet
- Customer centricity still supreme; products should be appropriate and generate real value to end-users

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- 1. Limited consumer education Awareness
- 2. Limitations of loyalty type models
- 3. Partnership risks
- Roles Who does what? Who pays?
- Sustaining motivation of engagement –value proposition
- Finding the right incentive structure
- Achievement of win-win-win value proposition
- 4. Need for collaborative regulation
- 5. Data Security

## Current and future considerations

- Implementation of microinsurance principles jointly with the TAG
- Finalisation and enactment of microinsurance regulations
  - Recognise and provide guidelines on digital solutions
  - Recognise and provide guidelines on roles of Insurtechs
- Enhanced regulatory sandboxing for digital insurance solutions
- Development of dedicated Innovation labs for insurtech solutions
- Collaboration with development partners on a dedicated innovation fund to promote responsive digitization of insurance services (not only for inclusive insurance) – platforms for premium collection, claims administration and claims payouts.



# How can insurance supervisors support responsible innovation?

Session 5: Regulating insurtech solutions



Supporting innovation is an opportunity for regulators to encourage market development, but with it comes new consumer protection and systemic risks.

#### Managing a regulator's balancing act: What are the options?



#### How does the regulator choose among the options?





#### The framework in practice: IRA Uganda





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