

Former Foundation Board President, Christina Urias, to Lead International Insurance Team - NAIC

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The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) today announced it has hired Christina Urias to the newly created position of International Insurance Regulatory Affairs Managing Director. This position reports directly to the CEO and has responsibility for NAIC international staff in Washington, D.C., New York City and Kansas City, Mo.

As Managing Director, Urias will oversee the International Insurance Regulatory Affairs Division, providing policy guidance and technical expertise to NAIC members and staff on global regulatory developments. She will play a lead role in advising on priority activities, developing and maintaining relationships with international regulators, government officials and standard-setting bodies around the world. She will also coordinate international efforts with federal and state officials, the insurance industry and other key stakeholders.

“Christina brings to the position an extensive network within the international insurance community,” said Senator Ben Nelson, NAIC CEO. “She has a proven ability to represent U.S. policy interests abroad through the promotion of strategic diplomatic relationships. Her advice will serve our members exceptionally well.”

Urias brings to the position practical experience from her service as the Director of the Arizona Insurance Department from 2003 to 2012. While Director, she chaired the NAIC’s Solvency Modernization Initiative Task Force, served on the NAIC’s Executive Committee and was elected Chair of the NAIC’s Western Zone. Prior to that, she practiced insurance law with the firm DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C.

She received her J.D. and B.A. from the University of Arizona. About the NAIC

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) is the U.S. standard-setting and regulatory support organization created and governed by the chief insurance regulators from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories. Through the NAIC, state insurance regulators establish standards and best practices, conduct peer review, and coordinate their regulatory oversight. NAIC staff supports these efforts and represents the collective views of state regulators domestically and internationally. NAIC members, together with the central resources of the NAIC, form the national system of state-based insurance regulation in the U.S. For more information, visit www.naic.org.