

# TORONTO CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM BABAK ABBASZADEH

PRESIDENT AND CEO

Dear friends, colleagues, and TC associates,

While many of us started 2022 with a feeling of optimism, the ongoing humanitarian crisis and financial instability brought by the war in Ukraine are devastating in many facets. Toronto Centre stands with the Ukrainian people, and we are ready to assist Ukraine's financial authorities in support. I had the honour of interviewing Dr. Kyrlo Shevchenko, Governor of the National Bank of Ukraine, about resiliency in the time of war. You can read the full interview [here](#).

Despite the devastation in developed countries, the COVID-19 crisis has revealed itself to be primarily a developing country pandemic as it continues to widen inequalities and disproportionately affect women, marginalized communities, and the poor. For most of the world, the pandemic rages on and will have lasting catastrophic impacts. Decades of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals – including gender equality, climate action, and economic growth – risk being reversed.

Despite these uncertainties and disruptions, I am hopeful the global community will come together to build back, support those in need, and reveal a more optimistic future. We also see promise in the rapid technological innovations, such as fintech and digital payments, that have great potential for advancing the financial inclusion agenda.

I'm proud of the work TC has done to advance our mission during this challenging time. We are determined to continue our work of training financial supervisors and regulators to build more stable, resilient, and inclusive financial systems.

In collaboration with USAID, we released our [Gender-Aware Supervision toolkit](#), a first-of-its-kind, practical resource that will support supervisory authorities in taking their next steps towards more gender-aware supervision.

We hosted two webinars this quarter, in celebration of [Canada's International Development Week](#) and [International Women's Day](#). They featured distinguished global speakers and drew hundreds of attendees from over 60 countries.

Registration is open for our [sector-specific international programs](#). These programs address today's most pressing challenges and opportunities for supervisors and regulators.

Our executive panel, [Resilience to Cyber Threats in the Financial Sector](#), at the IMF World Bank Spring Meetings is on April 22, 2022. We hope you will join this timely and important discussion about cyber risk.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Toronto Centre is an implementation partner of the [International Association of Insurance Supervisors \(IAIS\)](#). We look forward to working with the IAIS.

On behalf of all of us at Toronto Centre, I hope that you and your family stay healthy and well.

Best regards,

Babak Abbaszadeh  
President and CEO

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### IMF-WBG SPRING MEETINGS RESILIENCE TO CYBER THREATS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR



The panel will reflect on the importance of cybersecurity and discuss how financial institutions can improve their resilience to cyber threats and incidents. It will also discuss the role policy makers, supervisors and regulators can play.

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### NEW FRONTIERS IN SUPERVISION

2022 VIRTUAL  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

#### INSURANCE & PENSIONS



▶ June 6-10

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#### SECURITIES



▶ June 13-17

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#### BANKING



▶ June 20-24

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### INCLUSIVE FINANCE IN TURBULENT TIMES



The pandemic, rising inflation, gender inequality, and climate change are contributing to global economic upheaval. The panel discussed the vital role ministries of finance and central banks continue to play, in achieving inclusive and sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

[WEBINAR](#)

### BREAKING THE GENDER BIAS IN FINANCE



Toronto Centre joined the global community in celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) by commemorating women's achievements, reflecting on progress made and advocating for women's equality. The panel discussed how financial inclusion helps combat bias and break the barriers to gender equality, and the role of financial authorities in supporting positive change.

[WEBINAR](#)



### TC MONTHLY RESOURCE BUNDLE

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### JOHN PALMER SCHOLARSHIP



John Palmer is one of TC's key founders and served as Chair from 2005 to 2018. We recognized his outstanding contributions to TC by offering a scholarship for our 2022 Core Curriculum Course in his name. Congratulations to **Jean Pierre Bashimubwabo** of the National Bank of Rwanda for winning the scholarship.



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SCHOLARSHIPS

TC celebrated International Women's Day by honouring six women supervisors and awarding them scholarships to attend our International Programs. Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

- Jacinta Anyinge** - Bank of Uganda
- Ojone Jane Kabir** - Securities and Exchange Commission, Nigeria
- Pushpa Kunwar** - Beema Samiti, Insurance Regulatory Authority of Nepal
- Lydia Mpereh** - Bank of Ghana
- In Rathamony** - Securities Exchange Regulator of Cambodia
- Lyann María Sánchez Segovia** - Instituto de Garantía de Depósitos, El Salvador

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