

LIFE SEMINAR- ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA – JULY 2026

Africa Re's Nairobi Regional Office conducted an international **Life Assurance/Reassurance Seminar** from **29–31 July 2026** at the **Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**.

The seminar, themed "**The Art and Science of Underwriting: Financial, Medical & Claims in Practice**," brought together **50 participants** from **Ethiopia, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, Zambia, and Nigeria**. The delegates comprised Senior Life Managers, Senior Life Underwriters, Heads of Life Technical Operations, Heads of Reassurance Units/Departments, Heads of Marketing Units, and Actuarial Officers from life insurance companies across the region.

Our Local Representative in Ethiopia, **Mr. Habtamu Debela**, welcomed all the delegates before inviting our Director of Life Operations, **Mr. Chris SAIGBE**, to deliver his opening remarks and introduce the Guest of Honor, **Mr. Belay Tulu, Director, Insurance Supervision Directorate, National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE)**.

In his keynote address, Mr. Tulu emphasized that life insurance remains significantly underdeveloped across Africa, highlighting the vast untapped opportunities within the sector. He noted that unlocking this potential will require innovation, stronger underwriting practices, improved product development, effective claims management, and, above all, well-trained insurance professionals capable of responding to the evolving needs of individuals and businesses.

Over the three-day seminar, participants engaged in insightful discussions, shared experiences, and strengthened professional networks while comparing practices across their respective markets.

A special thank you to all the participants, facilitators, and everyone who contributed to the success of this seminar. Together, we continue to strengthen technical excellence and advance the life insurance industry across Africa.

PHOTOS



Group photo



Mr. Belay Tulu, Director, Insurance

Supervision Directorate, National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE).



