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1. Basic information

1.1 Nominee’s name:

SYED AFTABUL HASAN

1.2 Title:

Dr.

1.3 Company:

Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited

1.4 ARISE member since (specified in the ARISE welcome letter):

19 February 2021

1.5 Current ARISE Board member:

Yes

If “Yes”:

First term

Second term

No


1.6 Network or individual member:

Network Member: My network leader has endorsed my application.

If “Network Member,” please specify [which network](#):

UAE ARISE Network

Individual Member (i.e. no network affiliation)

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2. Curriculum Vitae


2.1 PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CV OR RESUME TO THIS SELF-NOMINATION FORM.

3. Questionnaire

3.1 Please indicate any past or present affiliations and accomplishments related to Disaster Risk Reduction / Prevention / Resilience / Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) / Environmental Social Governance (ESG) (max 200 words)

I was one of the **Speaker** at the **ARISE Constituency session in Jakarta** and would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizing team of **UNDRR** for giving me the honor as one of the members of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE) to join this important panel discussion at the ARISE Constituency session.

This is the extract of my speech: As a practitioner of Insurance & Risk Management, it's an opportune time for us to be associated with such a body during this global pandemic which has shattered the entire economies of the world and has influenced almost all business sectors. It will go down in history as one of the years of our lives where we seem to witness our worlds being turned upside down. Although at this juncture it has visibly augmented the importance of Disaster Risk Reduction and its position especially exhibiting the role as a mitigator of economic damage to industries at large paying a heavy price in the end. This pandemic has severely impacted many industries such as Travel, Transportation, Energy, Manufacturing, Retail, and Hospitality, etc. We are involved in insurance business globally and can very well vouch the contribution which comes from UNDRR especially during the escalating privation caused by this pandemic on individuals, businesses, and economies which has further stressed the importance and the role it plays during such calamity. As we know that at the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference (COP26), in conjunction with the United Nations' General Assembly, nearly 200 signatories to the Call to Action for Shipping Decarbonization demanded national governments and international regulators to establish policy frameworks that should ensure the industry to reach the goal of shipping decarbonization by 2050. These policy frameworks should be supported by the intermediate goals of having at least five percent zero emission fuels in international shipping by 2030 while the necessary infrastructure for scalable zero emission fuels and energy sources, including production, distribution, storage, and bunkering, should also be in place by 2030. A number of insurers and reinsurers in cooperation with the UN Environment Programme are working to establish the "Net-Zero Insurance Alliance" (NZIA). The Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance establish a pioneering framework to engage with the shipping industry and support net-zero insurance. The seven companies (AXA, Allianz, Aviva, Munich Re, SCOR, Swiss Re and Zurich Insurance Group) shared the opinion that the global (re)insurance industry can perform a key role in accelerating the transition to a resilient, net-zero emissions economy, in line with the 1.5°C target of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Risk Exchange DIFC Limited being an international reinsurance intermediary is committed to work as per preamble of the UN Environment Programme Financial Initiative's Principles for Sustainable Insurance as the insurance industry's core business is to understand, manage and carry risk. With increasing significance assigned to a forward looking and sustainable business conduct, we are committed to take environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into consideration during the risk placement processes.

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My commitment to social responsibility and contributions to society are commendable. I have undertaken strategic initiatives focused on education, healthcare, and the advancement of the SDGs. Through mentorship programs especially with Emiratis, national's I have actively contributed to the growth and development of aspiring entrepreneurs. My dedication to corporate social responsibility (CSR) has resulted in tangible benefits for communities, underscoring my commitment to making a positive impact on society. I have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to corporate social responsibility and environmental sustainability. My organization actively contributes to social causes, supports local communities, and promotes eco-friendly practices. By integrating sustainability into my business model, I inspire others and sets a positive example for the industry.


3.2 Please specify if you have the decision-making and support capacities for ARISE within your company relating to at least one the four ARISE focus areas (SME resilience, investment, insurance, resilient infrastructure) at

a) Senior level (max 100 words each)

As the Chairman of Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited, to confirm that I possess the necessary decision-making and support capacities within my company to actively participate in and contribute to the ARISE initiative. As the Chairman, I am committed to driving and overseeing the implementation of ARISE's objectives and activities within our organization. At a senior level, I have the authority and responsibility to make crucial decisions related to ARISE's objectives and activities within Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited. I understand the significance of SME resilience, investment, insurance, and resilient infrastructure as the four focus areas of ARISE, and I am committed to incorporating these considerations into our organizational strategies and decision-making processes. I fully endorse the ARISE initiative and its core objectives, recognizing the importance of building resilience within SMEs, fostering investment opportunities, enhancing insurance coverage, and promoting resilient infrastructure development. I am dedicated to engaging in collaborative efforts, sharing best practices, and working towards achieving the desired outcomes within my company and the broader ARISE community.

b) Technical level (max 100 words each)

With my extensive background and expertise in both civil engineering and risk management and insurance, I possess a unique skill set that aligns perfectly with ARISE's focus areas. I hold a Professional Doctorate in Risk Management and Insurance, which enables me to comprehend and navigate the complexities associated with managing and mitigating risks in various domains. I assure you that as the Chairman of Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited, I will actively champion and promote ARISE's vision, advocating for the integration of its objectives within our company's policies, strategies, and decision-making processes. I am committed to mobilizing the necessary resources, fostering partnerships, and engaging with stakeholders to drive the successful implementation of ARISE initiatives. Furthermore, at a technical level, my background as a civil engineer equips me with the necessary technical knowledge to evaluate and assess the risks associated with infrastructure development and resilience. This expertise enables me to contribute meaningfully to the technical aspects of ARISE's focus areas, particularly in terms of resilient infrastructure.

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3.3 Please specify if you have the decision-making and support capacities within your company relating to other key areas such as Early Warning or Public-Private Partnership at national or local level (100 words)

As the Chairman of Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited, that I possess the necessary decision-making and support capacities within my company pertaining to various key areas, including Early Warning and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) at both national and local levels. With utmost confidence, I affirm that Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited is fully committed to the goals and objectives set forth by ARISE, and we are dedicated to actively engaging in efforts that contribute to disaster risk reduction, resilience building, and sustainable development. Our company recognizes the significance of collaboration and the importance of forging strong partnerships with governmental, non-governmental, and private sector entities to address the challenges posed by disasters and to foster a culture of resilience. In my role as Chairman, I possess the authority and decision-making powers necessary to ensure the full participation of Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited in ARISE activities. I am vested with the responsibility of aligning our company's strategic priorities with the goals of ARISE, ensuring the allocation of adequate resources, and overseeing the implementation of initiatives related to Early Warning and PPPs. I am empowered to represent Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited in high-level discussions, negotiations, and partnerships, both nationally and locally, to foster effective collaboration and cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction. I am committed to leveraging my influence and network to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and innovative approaches that will contribute to the overall success of ARISE. I understand the significance of the Early Warning system in minimizing the impact of disasters and saving lives. Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited is dedicated to investing in state-of-the-art technology, infrastructure, and skilled personnel to strengthen early warning capabilities. We will actively collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, research institutions, and civil society organizations, to enhance early warning systems and facilitate the dissemination of timely and accurate information to vulnerable communities. Moreover, I recognize the pivotal role that Public-Private Partnerships play in disaster risk reduction and resilience building efforts. We are committed to fostering partnerships with governments, international organizations, and other private sector entities to develop innovative financial mechanisms, risk transfer solutions, and capacity-building programs. By leveraging our expertise, resources, and networks, we aim to promote sustainable and inclusive development practices that enhance resilience at all levels. I assure you that Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited is dedicated to the principles and objectives of ARISE and will actively contribute to its success. We are committed to sharing knowledge, collaborating with relevant stakeholders, and undertaking concrete actions to reduce disaster risks and build resilient communities.

3.4 Indicate if your company is affiliated with / member of any other global private sector networks such as the UN Global Compact, World Economic Forum (WEF), World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) International Chambers of Commerce (ICC), or other private sector network, including of other UN agencies (please specify) (max 100 words each)

Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited is a MEMBER OF WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (WEF), MEMBERSHIP APPLIED FOR UN GLOBAL COMPACT, MEMBER OF INSURANCE BUSINESS GROUP (IBG) UNDER THE AUSPICES OF DUBAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, MEMBER OF THE EMIRATES INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, AND THE GULF INSURANCE FEDERATION. ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTOR OF ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIES (AIAI), MEMBER OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF FOREIGN TRADE, MEMBER OF INDIAN ECONOMIC TRADE ORGANIZATION & MEMBER OF CEO CLUB NETWORK.

3.5 Please list 3 goals which you would aim to achieve as Board Member of ARISE, specifically within (max 100 words)

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- a) your 1st year
- b) long term

As a Chairman of **Risk Exchange (DIFC) Limited** and a **Board Member of ARISE**, my goals within the first year and in the long term would depend on the specific strategic direction and priorities of ARISE. However, I can provide you with three general goals that align with the objectives of an organization like ARISE:

First Year Goals:

1. **Strategic Partnerships:** Develop and foster strategic partnerships with other organizations, governments, and stakeholders to enhance ARISE's reach and influence. Identify potential collaborators and establish mutually beneficial relationships that can contribute to ARISE's mission and objectives. These partnerships could involve financial institutions, regulatory bodies, technology providers, and other relevant stakeholders in the risk management and insurance sectors.
2. **Innovation and Digital Transformation:** Promote innovation and digital transformation within ARISE and the wider risk management industry. Identify emerging technologies and trends that can drive efficiencies, improve risk assessment and management, and enhance customer experience. Encourage ARISE to adopt advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, and automation to streamline operations and deliver cutting-edge solutions to its members and clients.
3. **Thought Leadership and Advocacy:** Establish ARISE as a thought leader and advocate for best practices in risk management, both regionally and globally. Encourage active participation in industry events, conferences, and forums to share knowledge, insights, and expertise. Collaborate with industry experts, policymakers, and regulators to shape policies and regulations that promote sustainable risk management practices and address emerging challenges.

Long-Term Goals:

1. **Market Expansion:** Facilitate the expansion of ARISE's operations and influence into new markets and regions. Identify growth opportunities, assess market potential, and develop strategies to enter and establish a presence in these markets. This expansion could involve partnerships, acquisitions, or organic growth to broaden ARISE's member base and increase its market share.
2. **Product and Service Diversification:** Drive the development and diversification of ARISE's product and service offerings to meet the evolving needs of the risk management industry. Conduct market research and gather feedback from members to identify gaps and opportunities. Introduce new products, customized solutions, and value-added services that address emerging risks and provide innovative risk management solutions.
3. **Talent Development:** Foster a culture of talent development and knowledge sharing within ARISE. Invest in employee training, professional development, and knowledge-sharing programs to enhance the expertise and capabilities of the ARISE team. Encourage a collaborative and inclusive work environment that attracts top industry professionals and nurtures a culture of innovation and excellence.

These goals should serve as a starting point for your role as a Board Member of ARISE, and I can further refine them based on the specific vision and objectives of the organization with the direction of the Board.

Note:

Please consider the responsibilities for Board members and the parameters for a Board member to be designated inactive as specified in the Board elections Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).