

Productivity Commission Inquiry into Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements Innovation in Parametric & Structured Solutions



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Risk transfer tools increasingly important to the public sector



Case study United States: Alabama – First parametric cover for a government in an industrialized country



Solution features

- Insured peril: Hurricane
- Payments to offset economic costs of hurricanes
- Trigger type: Disaster occurring within a defined geographic area ("box") along coast ("cat-in-the-box")
- Trigger based on wind speed of hurricane eye as it passes through pre-determined box
- Payout in as little as two weeks
- Time horizon: July 2010 July 2013
- First parametric catastrophe risk transfer for a government in an industrialized country

Involved parties

- Insured: State Insurance Fund of Alabama
- Swiss Re: Lead structurer and sole underwriter



Case study Asia-Pacific: Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative (PCRAFI)



Solution features

- First-of-its-kind sovereign catastrophe risk transfer in the Asia Pacific region
- The PCRAFI offers parametric earthquake (including tsunami) and tropical cyclone insurance policies to 5 pilot Pacific Island countries: Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and Cook Islands
- The policies provide immediate liquidity to participating governments in the aftermath of a disaster with an approximate probability of 1 in 15 years
- Insurance coverage provided to the 5 Pacific Island countries is about USD 43m
- Similarly to CCRIF, the swap payout will be triggered by the intensity of the event (modelled loss approach)
- The facility responded to event and made payment:
 - Tonga after Cyclone Ian (2014)

Involved parties

- World Bank, ADB, Japan MoF
- Derivative placed by World Bank Treasury

Case study: Miami Dade County Public Schools-Custom multi-year structured cover

Solution features

- Insured peril: Named Windstorm and associated flood
- Multi-year structured cover: USD 100m
- Covering indemnified losses from NWS to soften impact to broader school system
 - 3 year coverage
 - Term Aggregate Deductible
 - Fixed premium over term
 - No claims bonus
- Time horizon: May 2013 May 2016
- Customized multi-year structured risk transfer for major school district

Involved parties

- Insured: Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Swiss Re: Lead structurer and sole underwriter
- Broker: AJ Gallagher

Background information

- MDCPS is the 4th largest public school district in the country with substantial windstorm exposure.
- The school system transfers portions of its pooled risk to the insurance market to cover physical losses.
- Since 1992, MDCPS has paid ~USD 315m in premium and received only USD 3m back in claims.
- MDCPS retains a portion of its risk and is exposed to fluctuating insurance prices, particularly after major hurricanes.
- To hedge against this price volatility and residual risk, MDCPS decided to purchase a multi-year structured insurance solution which pays if a hurricane strikes and the District suffers a loss.
- Thanks to the multi-year feature, MDCPS benefits from both a longterm fixed pricing and certainty postevent.

Case Study Uruguay: Protecting Against Drought Risk



Solution features

- Insured peril: Drought
- Payments to be used to purchase energy from alternative sources when drought conditions cause lack of hydro power
- Derivative contract: between UTE, Uruguayan stateowned hydro-electric power company, and World Bank Treasury. Risk is then placed in the market
- Payment mechanics:
 - Trigger: Level of rainfall monitored at weather stations
 - Settlement: Market price of brent crude oil
- Time horizon: January 2014 June 2015
- Transaction Size: USD 450 million

Case study Caribbean: CCRIF adds Excess Rainfall Coverage to Program



Solution features

- In July 2014, the CCRIF added a third peril to their program by offering excess rainfall insurance to their members
- 8 countries purchased the coverage that triggers when the modelled loss exceeds the defined country threshold
- Losses are determined based on 2 day rainfall totals and the country exposure values
- The program uses an enhanced version of NASA's TRMM data to model rainfall on a 1km by 1km basis
- Deductible for the CCRIF is \$2.5 million and Swiss Re provides reinsurance with a limit of \$32.5 million
- The solution, which increases resiliency in the face of climate change, uses technology that can be replicated globally

Involved parties

- Reinsurer: Swiss Re
- Product designed by: CCRIF, Kinanco and Swiss Re
- Countries insured: Anguilla, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent

ILS Market Update Catastrophe Bonds Triggers Deployed

Triggers in the Cat Bond Market

- Sponsors have increasingly looked at indemnity triggers in the past year, as they look to minimize their basis risk and capitalise on market trends
- Indemnity triggered bonds now account for approximately the same outstanding notional as industry index triggered bonds
- Industry index and parametric transactions will typically price tighter than indemnity transactions, though the gap has tightened in recent times

Outstanding Catastrophe Bond Trigger Breakdown (Natural Catastrophe Bonds Only)





ILS Market Update Issuance Trends

Market Conditions

- Repeat sponsors are driving growth while taking ٠ advantage of low spreads and structural innovations
- Investor demand continues to outweigh supply, creating a ٠ highly favorable issuance environment
- 2013 saw \$7.4bn issuance and 31 transactions ٠
 - Largest issuance year since 2007, driving the market to its largest ever size at \$20.3bn
 - The market now stands at \$19.0bn following a series of redemptions in January, and excluding deals still in the marketing phase

Cat Bond Issuance and Outstanding (\$bn)



Issued

Outstanding from previous years

Source: Swiss Re Capital Markets; As of April 14, 2014







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