

## Speaker Bios

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Dr. Veronika Bertram-Hümmer holds a PhD in development economics with a focus on disaster risk insurance in developing countries. She has worked in the development and banking sector (e.g. World Bank, KfW), with national and international research institutes (e.g. DIW, IFPRI) and NGOs (e.g. Transparency International), where she has developed expertise on index insurance, poverty and welfare analysis, as well as monitoring and impact evaluation. Veronika currently works with KfW as the principal project manager for the African Risk Capacity (ARC).



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