

## Actuarial Society 2017 Convention

17-18 October 2017

Sandton Convention Centre



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### 2016 Convention Wrap-up

So much happened at the 2016 Convention and it was, as you no doubt noticed, the biggest Convention to date, with 1529 attendees.

Attached you will find some infographics relating the 2016 Convention back to 2014 and 2015. Some highlights:

- Attendance grew more than 10%, taking us to more than 1500 delegates.
- Delegates who attended the Convention loved the frank conversation about transformation.
- Our innovative Fintech Spotlight session was a huge hit.

However, it doesn't take an actuary to read from the data that we slipped in quality on some key aspects:

- Catering quality.
- Technical presentation content.
- The Cocktails and Dinner function.
- Plenary speakers.

We learned some hard lessons in 2016 so with some new blood on the Organising Committee and more energy and focus than ever, we are working towards beating our 2015 high-water mark on all of the aspects above.

We'll make major changes to the way we source and qualify programme content and will look forward to seeing how this increases the value that actuaries derive from the Convention. We have taken your feedback on board.

In closing, many thanks for your participation, support and feedback on 2016. I hope you'll enjoy

the Convention highlights video which you can watch [here](#).

## **SHAPE THE FUTURE**

Do you have important knowledge and experience to share? The annual Convention of the Actuarial Society is the perfect platform for you to do this. Let us help you shape the future.

### **Call for Topics**

The 2017 Convention Organising Committee is looking for innovative ideas and authoritative views on current matters, as well as topics that link to outcomes of the new CPD scheme. We are open to a wide range of topic submissions which can be based on formal papers or standalone presentations without a formal paper. They can be given as a short TED-style talk or a longer 45-minute presentation.

To ensure that we keep improving the quality of the content and presentations, and taking on board the feedback from members, we will be introducing a new topic selection process this year. This will include telephone discussions with topic submitters, allocation of Practice Area-recommended sponsors for each presenter, group presentation training, and dry runs to select and enhance the final set of presenters. There will be fewer slots available, but we are confident that the enhanced selection process and the addition of presenter sponsors will help us shape the topics offered and ensure excellent content for our members.

Please view the [Call for Topics](#) for details on the selection process and key dates.

Would you like join us on this journey? Please propose a topic by clicking [here](#) and submit your proposal by 31 March 2017.

Watch this space to see how the plans for the 2017 Convention evolve. We look forward to your involvement in putting on and enjoying the next record-breaking Convention which will take place at the Sandton Convention Centre on 17 and 18 October. We hope to see you in Johannesburg and welcome you to the Society's 44th Convention.

Regards,  
The 2017 Convention Organising Committee

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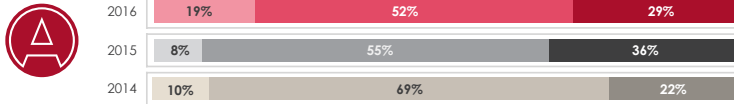
# 2016 Convention Infographic

17 – 18 November 2016

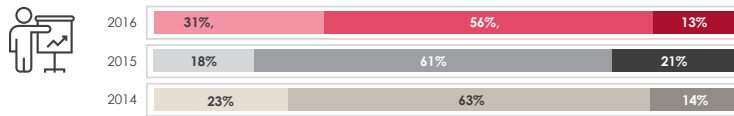
## ASSA Convention: your thoughts



### Overall feedback



### Quality of papers & presentations:



### Value for money



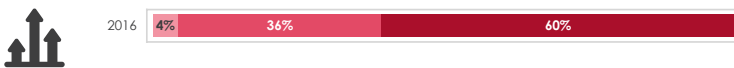
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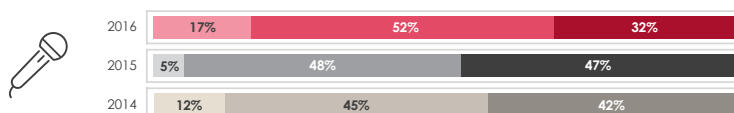
### Technical content:



## Fintech Spotlight



## Quality of plenaries



### Best Speakers

LET'S HAVE A FRANK CONVERSATION ABOUT TRANSFORMATION (Shivani Ranchod)



FINTECH SPOTLIGHT: ASORIBA (Nana Opoku Ware Ofori Agyeman-Prempeh)



FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (Neil Parkin)

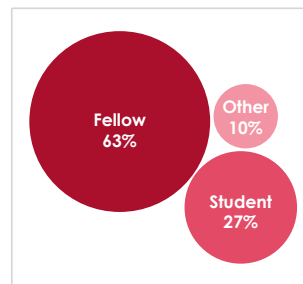


## The 2016 crowd

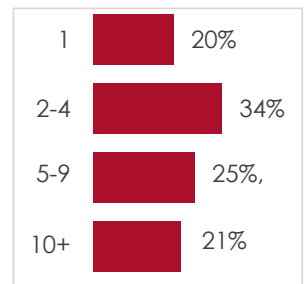
### Attendee count:



### Attendee mix:

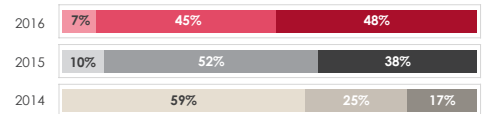


### Conventions attended:

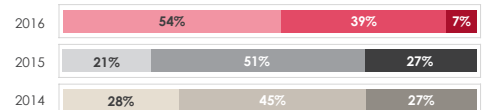


## Delegate experience

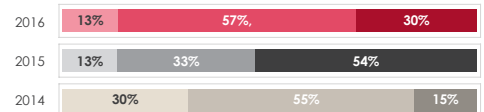
### Parking



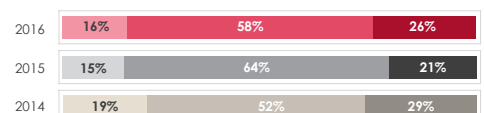
### Lunch and refreshments:



### Dinner and Cocktails:



## Quality of speakers



## International speakers and perspectives

