

# Registration for the Fifth Annual Canadian Catastrophe (CAT) Conference has Opened



Toronto (September 11, 2019) - CatIQ is pleased to announce that registration for its fifth annual Canadian catastrophe conference, CatIQ Connect, is now open. CatIQ Connect is being held February 3-5, 2020 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. CatIQ Connect will kick off with a review of the events from 2019, which is sure to be interesting, given the weather activity in 2019 so far.

Canadian insured catastrophic losses have reached nearly \$900 million thus far in 2019 and these do not include the impacts from Post-Tropical Storm Dorian according to CatIQ (Catastrophe Indices & Quantification Inc.). Impactful weather events are on the rise, and government and industry must look to implement solutions to mitigate the increasing cost of catastrophes.

CatIQ Connect is a content-driven conference designed to foster collaboration between sectors relating to resilience and recovery in the face of catastrophes. “We are thrilled to be hosting the fifth annual catastrophe conference and, once again, our steering committee has put together a phenomenal agenda,” said Laura Twidle, Managing Director of CatIQ. “The 2020 event will focus on solutions; we want attendees to leave with information on how they can take the next step in mitigating risk and planning.”

CatIQ Connect is designed for:

- Insurance/Reinsurance Professionals
- All Levels of Government
- Academia/Researchers
- Risk Managers
- NGO's
- Other sectors/organizations dealing with resilience to catastrophes

Keynote:

- Roy Wright, President & CEO, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)

The CatIQ Connect 2020 Agenda features 30+ expert speakers. Highlights include:

- Interactive Workshop
- Leadership and Financial Solutions to Climate Change
- Financing Climate Resilient Infrastructure
- The War Story - 48h Post-CAT
- Resilience: The Whys and Hows
- Mental Health and Disasters
- The Fort McMurray Rebuild
- Different Views of Earthquake
- Communication Tools for Preparedness and Recovery
- Flood Resilient Design for New Residential Communities
- Governmental Views on Moving Out or Staying Put
- Risk Assessment - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Save \$100 by registering early and save a further \$100 per person by registering three or more at <https://connect.catiq.com>

Once again, this year's Steering Committee includes leading organizations concerned with adaptation and management related to Canadian catastrophes, including:

<b>Jim Abraham</b> 2020 Co-emcee <i>and</i> President, ClimAction Services Inc.	<b>Glenn McGillivray</b> Managing Director, ICLR
<b>William Belzile</b> GIS Advisor, Desjardins General Insurance Group	<b>Ryaz Mohamed</b> Director, Corporate Reinsurance, The Co-operators Group
<b>Alister Campbell</b> CEO, PACICC	<b>Shawna Peddle</b> 2020 Co-emcee <i>and</i> Director, Disaster Risk Reduction, Canadian Red Cross
<b>Claudette Cantin</b> SVP, Chief Actuary and CRO, Munich Re Canada	<b>Sean Russell</b> Managing Director, Guy Carpenter
<b>Paul Cutbush</b> SVP Catastrophe Management, Aon Benfield Analytics	<b>Craig Stewart</b> VP, Federal Affairs, IBC
<b>Esaie Djossou</b> AVP of Reinsurance, CAT Underwriting, International Underwriting and Data and Insights functions, Aviva Canada	<b>Genevieve Thouin</b> Project Director, MCIP, FCM
<b>Dr. Blair Feltmate</b> Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaption, University of Waterloo	<b>Dwayne Torrey</b> Director, Construction & Infrastructure, Standards, CSA Group
<b>Dr. Maryam Golnaraghi</b> Director, Climate Change and Emerging Environmental Topics, The Geneva Association	<b>Rebecca Wagner</b> Associate Director, Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada

<b>Sean Hobson</b> VP, National Programs, WINMAR (Canada) International Ltd.	<b>Kyle Winston</b> Co-founder & President,CRU Group Inc.
	<b>Anna Ziolecki</b> Director, Partners for Action>