

Registration for the first of CatIQ's Connect Quarterly Webinar Series has opened. It will run online on October 14, 2020



Toronto, August 18, 2020 – CatIQ and MSA Research are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the first of the Canadian catastrophe conference's online webinars. The upcoming CatIQ Connect quarterly webinar series will be held in October and December of 2020 and February and June of 2021.

"Given the uncertainty of the global pandemic, we made the decision to host an online quarterly series from October 2020 to June 2021," said Joel Baker, CEO, of

CatIQ and MSA Research “As we all know, catastrophes do not stop for a pandemic, and this year has already been memorable with the impactful Fort McMurray flooding and Calgary hailstorms.” CatIQ Connect is a platform where industry, all levels of government, and academia come together to discuss mitigation and adaptation strategies, technological advancements, and sector perspectives around catastrophe management.

Registration is now open for:

October 14, 2020 - The Financial Sector on Catastrophes & Climate Change

“This forum will examine how banks, insurers and institutional investors are subject to the evolving threat of physical climate change. For those working in the capital markets, the forum will provide practical guidance to limit risk that might otherwise prove challenging to the financial services sector,” says Dr. Blair Feltmate, Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo.

The half-day will be capped off with a keynote discussion between Mike Pedersen, Chair of the Business Development Bank of Canada, and Blair Feltmate, Head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation. The pair will focus on the threat of physical climate risk, and how Canada’s banks can provide stability to the Canadian economy.

Session highlights for October 14:

Risks and Opportunities for the Capital Markets with Alyson Slater, Global Risk Institute. Moderator: Andrew Castaldi, PERILS AG

Innovative Insurance Strategies from Low to Middle Income Countries and How to Apply Them in Canada with Kathy Baughman McLeod, Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center, Atlantic Council. Moderator: Marjorie Brans, School for Social Entrepreneurs Canada

Evolving Perspectives on the Impacts of Physical Climate Risk for Canada’s Housing Sector with Steve Mennill, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Moderator: Joanna Dafoe, Insurance Bureau of Canada

Save the dates for the full webinar series line up:

December 3, 2020 – New in Catastrophe Technology & Modelling

February 11, 2021 – Pandemic: One Year Later

June 10, 2021 – Collaborating to Mitigate Loss to Catastrophes and Climate Change

As always, the conference Steering Committee brings together leading organizations concerned with adaptation and management related to Canadian catastrophes, including:

Jim Abraham President, ClimAction Services Inc.	Caroline Floyd Assistant Director of Catastrophic Loss Analysis, CatIQ	Anthony Black National Catastrophe Manager, RSA Insurance Group
Karen Francis Vice President, Guy Carpenter	Marjorie Brans Director of Ecosystem Impact, School for Social Entrepreneurs Canada	Paul A. MacDonald EVP, Registrational Insurance, Economical Insurance
Michael Butler Senior Business Development Manager-Commercial, ServiceMaster Restore	Glenn McGillivray Managing Director, ICLR	Andrew Castaldi Representative Consultant, PERILS AG
Dwayne Torrey Director, Construction & Infrastructure, Standards, CSA Group	Lindsey Collins Senior Catastrophe Analyst, Aon	Laura Twidle Managing Director, CatIQ
Joanna Dafoe National Director of Climate Change, Insurance Bureau of Canada	Rebecca Wagner Associate Director, Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada	Dipika Deol Head of P&C Underwriting, Canada and English Caribbean, Swiss Re

<p>Kyle Winston Co-founder & President, CRU Group Inc.</p>	<p>Dr. Blair Feltmate Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaption, University of Waterloo</p>	<p>Anna Ziolecki Director, Partners for Action</p>
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