

# 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:

<b>Jim Abraham</b> President, ClimAction Services Inc.	<b>Caroline Floyd</b> Assistant Director of Catastrophic Loss Analysis, CatIQ	<b>Anthony Black</b> National Catastrophe Manager, RSA Insurance Group
<b>Karen Francis</b> Vice President, Guy Carpenter	<b>Marjorie Brans</b> Director of Ecosystem Impact, School for Social Entrepreneurs Canada	<b>Paul A. MacDonald</b> EVP, Registrational Insurance, Economical Insurance

<p><b>Michael Butler</b> Senior Business Development Manager-Commercial, ServiceMaster Restore</p>	<p><b>Glenn McGillivray</b> Managing Director, ICLR</p>	<p><b>Andrew Castaldi</b> Representative Consultant, PERILS AG</p>
<p><b>Dwayne Torrey</b> Director, Construction &amp; Infrastructure, Standards, CSA Group</p>	<p><b>Lindsey Collins</b> Senior Catastrophe Analyst, Aon</p>	<p><b>Laura Twidle</b> Managing Director, CatIQ</p>
<p>Joanna Dafoe National Director of Climate Change, Insurance Bureau of Canada</p>	<p>Rebecca Wagner Associate Director, Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p>	<p>Dipika Deol Head of P&amp;C Underwriting, Canada and English Caribbean, Swiss Re</p>
<p><b>Kyle Winston</b> Co-founder &amp; President, CRU Group Inc.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Blair Feltmate</b> Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaption, University of Waterloo</p>	<p><b>Anna Ziolecki</b> Director, Partners for Action</p>

## About CatIQ

Toronto-based Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ) is a subsidiary of Zurich-based PERILS A.G. and delivers detailed analytical and meteorological information on Canadian natural and man-made catastrophes. Through its online subscription-based platform, CatIQ combines comprehensive insured loss and exposure indices and other related information to better serve the needs of the insurance / reinsurance / ILS industries, public sector and other stakeholders [www.catiq.com](http://www.catiq.com). CatIQ was established in 2014 with the support of the overwhelming majority of the Canadian insurance and reinsurance industry and is widely recognized as the most reliable source of catastrophe loss information in Canada. CatIQ also partners with MSA Research to host the Canadian catastrophe conference, CatIQ Connect, [connect.catiq.com](http://connect.catiq.com) which will run quarterly online until Feb 2022 when it will be back in-person on an annual basis.

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