

## Crises In The Making



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**15:00 Introduction & Welcome**

**15:01 Opening Round Robin**

**15:10 Panel Discussion**

**◆ Theme 1 –**

- **How do we identify and prioritise the slow burn issues that might bite us?**
- **Where lie the seeds of future catastrophes? What are the disasters waiting to happen?**

**◆ Theme 2 –**

- **Are leaders scared of identifying risks – because they might then have to do something about them?**
- **Can Boards really have open conversations about risk?**

**15:30 Q&A**

**15:50 Summary & Takeaways**

**15:55 Closing remarks**

◆ Which future risk concerns you the most in terms of global crises?

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2. Climate change induced disasters
3. Widespread economic collapse
4. Escalation of regional conflicts into major wars
5. Emerging infectious diseases and pandemics



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# Panel Discussion

# Theme 1

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# 'Slow burn' potential crises

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## External drivers...

- Climate change and global issues, internet governance
- China and power diffusion eastwards and southwards
- Populism and extreme right movements
- The rise of non-State actors and movements
- Impact of science/technology/engineering/math: AI, microchips, quantum, bio-engineering

## Internal drivers...

- Increased vulnerabilities of modern complex society
- Growing income inequalities
- Societal changes in expectations and attitude to risk
- The long-term effect of the Internet on young people

## Theme 2

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