

Cityforum 2023 Resilience Series



Crises In The Making



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15:00 Wednesday, 26 July 2023



Welcome – Marc Lee







Introduction





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Programme



- 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



Poll Question



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- 1. Cyberwarfare and digital attacks
- 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

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/maths: Al, 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

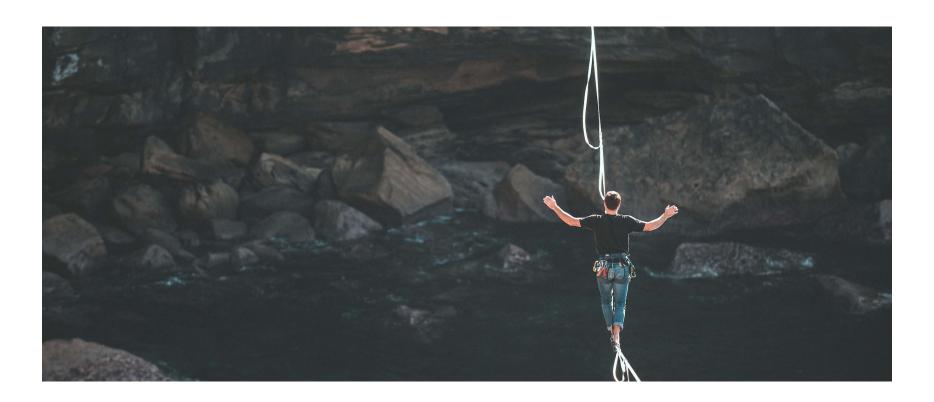




Theme 2

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Comments, Questions & Answers







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