



NORTHEAST RISK & RESILIENCE

LEADERSHIP FORUM

A Risk Mitigation Leadership Forum Event



OCTOBER 8, 2014 STAMFORD MARRIOTT, STAMFORD, CT

Tuesday, October 7

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Early Registration**
Conference Center Foyer, 1st Floor

Wednesday, October 8

7:00 am – 8:30 am **Buffet Breakfast**
Pavilion, 1st Floor

7:00 am – 8:45 am **Registration**
Conference Center Foyer, 1st Floor

8:45 am – 9:15 am **Welcoming Remarks**
Stephen Weinstein, *Chairman, RenaissanceRe Risk Sciences Foundation*
SVP, Group General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, Secretary, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

Keynote Address

Alice C. Hill, *Senior Advisor for Preparedness and Resilience to the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, National Security Council Staff, White House*

9:15 am – 10:30 am **Understanding the Science Behind Sandy**

Moderator: **Juliana Barrett**, *Ph.D., Associate Extension Educator, Connecticut Sea Grant Program, University of Connecticut*

Panelists: **Bill Read**, *Former Director of the National Hurricane Center*
Dr. Ian Giammanco, *Lead Meteorologist, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety*

What made Sandy a “Super Storm”? How was Sandy different from other major hurricanes? Was Sandy the “big one”?

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **The Changing View of Risk in the Northeast**

Moderator: **David Marra**, *SVP and Chief Underwriting Officer – Casualty & Specialty, RenaissanceRe*

Panelists: **Rachel Cleetus**, *Senior Climate Economist, Climate and Energy Program, Union of Concerned Scientists*
Adam Sobel, *Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Applied Physics & Applied Mathematics, Columbia University*
Craig Tillman, *President, WeatherPredict Consulting & RenaissanceRe Risk Sciences Foundation*

How has the risk view of this region changed since Sandy? What impact is climate change having on our view of risk?

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12:00 pm– 12:30 pm **Special Guest Speaker**
Senator Christopher S. Murphy, *United States Senator for Connecticut*

12:30 pm – 1:10 pm **Buffet Lunch**
Pavilion, 1st Floor

1:10 pm – 1:45 pm **Keynote Speaker: Collin O'Mara**, *President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation*

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm **Lessons Learned from Sandy**
Moderator: **Debra Ballen**, *General Counsel and SVP, Public Policy Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety*
Panelists: **Ethan Handelman**, *VP, Policy and Advocacy, National Housing Conference*
 Tim Smail, *SVP, Engineering and Technical Programs, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes*
 Link Walther, *VP, National Hazard Mitigation Association*

What are the best practices in boosting economic recovery and encouraging smart rebuilding?

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Break**

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm **The Role of Government in Major Disasters**
Moderator: **Mike Cohen**, *VP, Government Relations, RenaissanceRe*
Panelists: **Katherine Greig**, *Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change and Insurance New York City Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency*
 Bradley Kading, *President and Executive Director, Association of Bermuda Insurers & Reinsurers*
 Daniel Kreeger, *Executive Director, Association of Climate Change Officers*

What is the appropriate role of government in education, response, recovery and risk mitigation during a serious event (pandemic, terror attack, major earthquake, aviation disaster, severe weather, etc.)? How can various government agencies be most effectively mobilized in a crisis?

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm **Integrated Resiliency in Urban Areas**
Moderator: **Shana Udvardy**, *Climate Adaptation Policy Analyst, Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP)*
Panelists: **Chester Arnold**, *Director for Outreach, Center for Land Use Education and Research, University of Connecticut*
 Curtis Fisher, *Northeast Regional Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation*
 Jessica Grannis, *Adaptation Program Manager, Georgetown Climate Center*
 Brian Swett, *Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space, City of Boston*

Post-Sandy, how ready are major urban centers to deal with severe weather? How will key infrastructure systems (communications, electricity, transportation) be protected? What role do coastal ecosystems and land use play in protecting communities in the Northeast against severe weather?

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5:45 pm – 6:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Networking Reception**

Cocktails and food stations available for all attendees
Pavilion, 1st Floor

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