

2021-22 Programme of events and webinars

Resilience First runs a wide range of events including webinars, conferences, networking events, project workshops, roundtables and networking receptions, aimed at sharing best practice, developing new ways of working and building corporate and stakeholder relationships.

Champions and members have priority access to our events.

DECEMBER 2021

6 December: IPCC Business Briefing on the Summary for Urban Policymakers

Webinar: 4pm to 5pm

Resilience First, in partnership with city network partners, the German Government and The Resilience Shift, is delighted to invite our members to an exclusive virtual briefing on the UNFCCC's IPCC's Summary for Urban Policymakers, taking place on Monday 6 December 2021, 4pm to 5pm GMT.

The IPCC is producing a new series of reports, titled 'Summary for Urban Policymakers (SUP)', which will distil the findings of the latest international climate science in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment Report (AR6) for urban context.

This is an unprecedented effort which will bring together scientists engaged in the three IPCC working groups around physical science, mitigation and adaptation, as well as cities and city networks, the business community, and other key stakeholders, to translate the most up-to-date climate science to enable immediate and informed action at the local level.

Resilience First is proud to support the shaping of these critical reports by offering our members the opportunity through this session to influence the interpretation of scientific findings to ensure they are accessible, compelling, and applicable to the specific needs of business leaders.

7 December: Partnering with Purpose

Webinar: 3pm to 4pm.

Joint Webinar with the National Preparedness Commission and Marsh McLennan

'This is a pivotal moment for re-energising resilience efforts at the national level. With the severe, concurrent tests of the COVID-19 pandemic and reverberations from the UK's departure from the EU by no means over, the government's Integrated Review is already pointing us to a kaleidoscope of strategic challenges that policymakers and the country at large will need to navigate in the next decade.'

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So reads the opening paragraph of a new report produced by Marsh McLennan and commissioned by the National Preparedness Commission.

Resilience First, in conjunction with the National Preparedness Commission, is pleased to hold a webinar with those involved to examine how the public and private sectors can work together more effectively in pursuit of national resilience.

Chair: Lord Toby Harris, Chair, National Preparedness Commission; Speakers: Richard Smith-Bingham, Executive Director, Marsh McLennan Advantage; James Crask, Consulting Director & Resilience Advisory Lead, Marsh Advisory; and Panellists: Professor Fiona Strens, CEO Security & Resilience Research Centre, University of Strathclyde. More to be confirmed

10 December: Virtual Masterclass: Stress Testing for Building Infrastructure Resilience

Resilience First is delighted to invite our members to a masterclass on '**Stress Testing for Building Infrastructure Resilience**', delivered by [UNDRR](#) jointly with [University College London](#) and [Resilience Shift](#), and taking place on Friday, 10 December 2021 (0900h-1600h GMT).

The COVID-19 pandemic combined with natural hazards and extreme weather events has demonstrated that infrastructure systems are particularly vulnerable to damaged or disruption. As countries recover from the pandemic, climate change is an ever-present threat that is rapidly increasing the disaster-risk uncertainties. Infrastructure vulnerabilities are resulting in frequent disruption of basic and essential services.

The increasing complexities and global interdependences and convergence of this disaster-climate nexus underline the shortfalls of much of our existing infrastructure and highlight the importance of ensuring that planned investment in infrastructure is as effective as it can be. To maximise the economic and social benefits derived from infrastructure, current and future investments have to be risk-informed, and resilient (particularly in relation to climate change), and foster inclusion. Resilient and inclusive infrastructure is crucial for meeting the targets of the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction \(SFDRR\)](#) and, the [Paris Agreement](#) and is key to economic prosperity, social inclusiveness and environmental sustainability that is central to the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

The aim of the masterclass is to:

- Present an overview of challenges in addressing infrastructure resilience,
- Explore the pathways for infrastructure resilience,
- Introduce principles for infrastructure resilience,
- Addressing business continuity and service delivery,
- Test the stress testing model for critical infrastructure,

Sessions of the masterclass will be delivered by practitioners, industry leaders, and academics. Invited attendees will be colleagues from the public and private sectors engaged in policy and regulation, financing, delivery, and management of infrastructure. **This is an invite only event, and we will release a joint UNDRR -UCL- Resilience Shift attendance certificate at the end of the day.**

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JANUARY 2022

13 Jan: The Next Infrastructure Review of the UK

Webinar: 3pm to 4pm

The National Infrastructure Commission recently launched its Baseline Report ahead of the 2nd NIC Assessment Report which will be published in the second half of 2023. The Baseline Report identified three key strategic themes for study: reaching net zero, adapting to climate change and reducing environmental impacts, and supporting levelling up across regions. It also identified six national systems to be considered: digital, energy, flood resilience, water and wastewater, waste, and transport. The first phase of the work is a Call for Evidence, which will remain open until 4 February 2022.

The Baseline and Assessment reports are key to helping steer the UK Government into making the right investment decisions: around 80% of the recommendations in the 1st NIC Assessment Report were accepted by Government. It is therefore important that we understand the factors around the review and make the voice of business known in any evidential material. This webinar will offer the opportunity to hear from the NIC and to discuss the major imperatives and impediments with representatives from key businesses.

Chair: Basil Scarsella, CEO, UK Power Networks

Speakers:

Bridget Rosewell, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission.

Others TBC

FEBRUARY 2022

2 February: Improving Urban Infrastructure for Better Resilience – a Global Perspective

Webinar: 3pm to 4pm

In partnership with PWC Middle East

Various nations and regions have different approaches to making their urban landscapes more resilient to changing circumstances. Those with coastal cities face the dangers of sea-level rise while those that are land-locked face growing heat islands: all have to contend with urban waste and traffic pollution. These challenges demand new solutions and require modified infrastructures, whether these involve more EV charging points or better sustainable drainage systems. Technology will greatly help but other, non-technical remedies will also be required.

This webinar will look at different solutions to the same problems but in different geographical settings. Delivering robust net-zero infrastructure solutions and generating a circular, resilient, sustainable economy that focuses on sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products for as long as possible will help tackle our global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and waste. Speakers from around the world will reveal a diversity of views and approaches to this vitally important subject.

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Speakers:

Nayaz Mohammed, Partner, Middle East Practice, PwC (Dubai)

24 February: Reputational Resilience – what it means for business

Briefing and drinks reception: 6pm for 6.30pm to 8.30pm

In partnership with CBRE

The danger of malign actors (local or state) trying to damage company reputations is not new but the avenues for achieving this today have significantly increased, largely because of social media and the internet. In a flash, a few anonymous messages or single cyber breaches can undermine brand reputation with the consequential loss of share value and market standing. Reputation is easily lost and yet very hard to regain.

This will be the theme of a Resilience First briefing in partnership with CBRE. It will explore the dangers presented by malicious rumours spread on social media, publicised ransomware or other cyber attacks (successful or not), insider or executive malfeasance, etc, on company reputations. The session will also consider the effect of disinformation campaigns and hybrid threats (in the so called 'grey zone') launched from inside or outside the UK.

Advice will then be given on what steps can be taken in advance to protect brands and how they can be made resilient in the face of the growing dangers.

Chair:

Heather Adams, Managing Director, UKI Risk – Keeping Institutions Safe, Accenture

Speakers:

Cate Pye, Partner, PA Consulting

Nicolás de Pedro, Senior Fellow, The Institute for Statecraft

Representative of Control Risks

MARCH 2022

16 March: Resilience First's panel discussion: Futureproofing the Hospitality Sector, followed by drinks reception

Briefing and drinks reception: 6pm for 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Two years on from the UK's first lockdown, the hospitality sector remains at the forefront of major battles when one considers the global uncertainty the pandemic continues to generate, the labour and supply fallouts from Brexit – and, of course, the urgent action needed by all to tackle climate change, as advanced at COP26.

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Throughout 2021, the hospitality sector has showcased its ability to be resilient, recalibrate, and pivot rapidly to adapt to the enormous demands and changes brought about to manage COVID-19 and Brexit.

As we look to the future and set against this backdrop, our expert panel of speakers will explore these issues further, share key learnings and consider tangible ways to futureproof the hospitality sector.

Keynote: Kate Nicholls, Chief Executive, UKHospitality

Other speakers TBC

March (TBC): Managing Disruptions in the Utility Sector.

Following the water crisis in Cape Town in 2018, the power outage in the UK in 2019 and UK's disruptive storm Ciara in 2020 - not to mention the global pandemic, this event presents an opportunity for an update on lessons learnt and latest resilience planning around ensuring the delivery of critical infrastructure.

Joint event with Accenture North America

APRIL 2022

April (TBC): Resilience in Planning – Keeping the high street alive

This event will present a timely opportunity to revisit London's high streets two years post the onslaught of the pandemic, and look at ways the high streets have tackled the challenges they faced and have emerged from the crisis.

Online sales coupled with rising business rates have made survival on the traditional high street increasingly challenging for retailers in the UK over the past decade, leaving aside the detrimental impacts of lockdown.

This event presents the opportunity to hear from local government and retailers on their plans to reinvent high streets and town centres that are fit for purpose and future proof for the 21st century.

MAY 2022

May (TBC): Organisational Change – Transitioning businesses to become more sustainable

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Resilience First is pleased to collaborate with The Resilience Shift to promote best practice in sustainability by presenting latest innovations and changes from across industry sectors on transitioning businesses.

Joint event with Resilience Shift

JUNE 2022

June (TBC): Resilience First's Global Summit - Cities Growing Forward Together Post Covid-19 and accelerating towards climate resilience

The pandemic has accelerated unanticipated changes in cities across the world, which have resulted in strains and stresses in some circumstances but also improvements or efficiencies in some systems and services. These changes have also shone a light on the great inequalities across our cities as well as identified areas for investments and training.

Through this ambitious one-day summit, Resilience First aims to convene international city leaders, cross-sector business leaders and academics, to share and learn from each other as well as establish new partnerships to enable a cross-fertilisation of innovations for the betterment or future-proofing of cities and their residents.

Sponsorship opportunities available

JULY 2022

July (TBC): Lessons Learnt from the 'most devastating' cyberattack in history on FedEx, Merck and Maersk.

Resilience First will host a briefing on whether lessons have been learnt, five years on from "the most devastating cyberattack in history". The cyberattack inflicted huge damage across countries and businesses notably FedEx, Merck, and Maersk. Resilience is key to adapting and emerging quickly from such attacks. At this event, we will hear about the lessons learnt as well as what businesses could do to prepare and overcome such catastrophic attacks.

July (TBC): Briefing with National Crime Agency

18 months into Brexit and our new working environment, we look forward to hearing from the NCA and its latest plans and approaches to keeping Britain's businesses safe. We particularly look forward to hearing about the new and ongoing arrangements for international collaborations now that we have officially left the EU as well as the latest threats that are emerging.