

# The Resiliency Roundtable: Why the Private Sector Matters

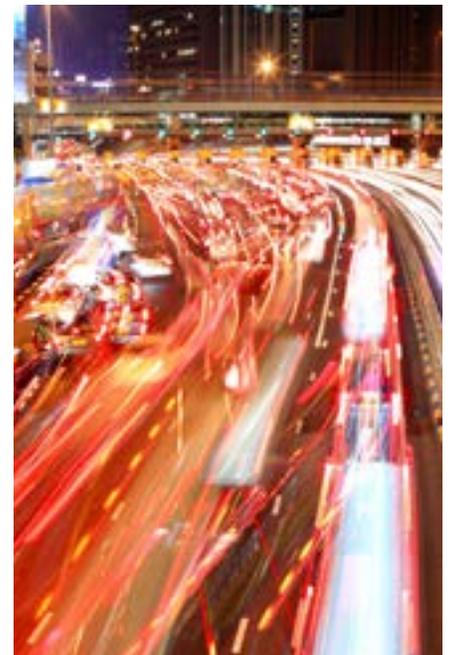
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## The Vision

By bringing together the experience and expertise of the private and public sectors--and the scientific insights of academia--to the field of risk management, the Resiliency Roundtable will provide real solutions to improve our national capacity to prepare for, respond to and recover from today's expanding range of natural and manmade disasters.

## The Problem

Disasters spare no sector. Whether through the preparation they demand, the destruction they cause or the innovation they inspire, major events present a threat to organizations and industries of all sizes, types, and locations in addition to the risks they pose to our communities and our national security. They also present opportunity. In the face of terrorism, cyberattacks, natural hazards amplified by climate change, emerging biological hazards and infrastructure fragility, the individual resilience of any single entity depends upon a cross disciplinary approach to thinking, learning, and action. As recent events have illustrated, resilience can also make a significant difference in terms of savings in lives, property and assets. However, too often, the public, private and military sectors work in parallel efforts that don't fully capitalize on the expertise and resources that they have to offer each other.



## The Solution



The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) at Columbia University's Earth Institute and the Risk Assistance Network + Exchange (RANE) activates, assembles and integrates a diverse array of perspectives at the front lines of disaster research, policy and practice. Through membership on the NCDP/RANE Resiliency Roundtable, individuals and organizations representing the private sector can gain critical skills and knowledge around preparedness issues, while contributing important input into policy discussions. Bringing together participants from across industries, and facilitating engagement with policymakers, it will provide a unique forum for bringing insight and influence to the priorities for national preparedness.

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## Creating Meaningful Change

Recognizing that risks are shared, The Resiliency Roundtable will drive collaboration between the public and private sectors and lead the development of tools to manage risk in advance, in response, and in repair. Additional benefits of being part of the Resilience Roundtable are:

**Impact** – The Resiliency Roundtable will create new solutions to the challenges of risk management in the 21st century through:

- Reframing the way we look at and understand vulnerabilities.
- Developing new platforms and approaches to managing risk and countering threats.
- Informing policy on disaster resilience from the perspective of the organizations serving on the front lines of threats we face.
- Establishing a cross-sector, “community of experts” to support and promote best practices in resilience.
- Leveraging RANE’s independent global network of risk management experts across the safety & security, cybersecurity, legal/regulatory, GRC, and medical/psychological categories.

**Knowledge** – Members will benefit from rapid-response analysis on emerging and ongoing risks/threats, as well as information on policy issues of relevance and complimentary access to extensive workforce training resources.

**Access** – Members will receive special invitations to events throughout the year, with presentations by leading researchers, practitioners and policymakers, and opportunities for networking and collaboration. This includes private briefings tailored to the group’s interests, and small group dialogues with senior policymakers and officials.

**Influence** – Through conversations with U.S. experts, members’ disaster preparedness concerns, capabilities and ideas will become part of the national thinking on disaster preparedness. Your support will also allow for new areas of research and policy analysis.

## Membership

Membership to the Resiliency Roundtable will be granted to members who make an annual unrestricted gift to NCDP. Other contributions, such as grants and in-kind may also qualify an organization for membership on the Roundtable. The only additional contribution is members’ time, as available, to share perspectives and experiences. The Roundtable will meet 3-4 times per year, with in-person meeting opportunities made available as needed/appropriate.



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## Leadership

**Dr. Irwin Redlener** is the Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at the Earth Institute, which works to understand and improve the nation's capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. He is a nationally recognized expert on disaster preparedness policies, pandemic influenza, the threat of terrorism in the U.S., the impact and consequences of major natural disasters and related issues. Dr. Redlener is the author of *Americans At Risk: Why We Are Not Prepared for Megadisasters and What We Can Do Now*, published in 2006 by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. and recently served as one of the ten members of the congressionally established National Commission on Children and Disasters. Dr. Redlener is also President and Co-Founder, along with singer-songwriter Paul Simon, of the Children's Health Fund (CHF), a philanthropic initiative created to develop health care programs in some of the nation's most medically underserved communities. Dr. Redlener holds an M.D. degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine, an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Hunter College of the City University of New York and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Hofstra University.



**David Lawrence** is the Founder and Chief Collaborative Officer of RANE. He previously served for approximately 20 years as Associate General Counsel and Managing Director at Goldman Sachs. During his tenure, David formed and was the global head of the Business Intelligence Group. His role covered a wide range of legal, regulatory, diligence and transactional responsibilities for the firm, as well as advising Goldman's clients directly. David served on a number of the firm's global risk-management and investment committees, including its Commitments and Capital Committees. During his tenure, David worked with industry counterparts to lead in the development of Wall Street's first design and implementation of controls and technology to safeguard against money-laundering, illicit finance, terrorism financing, foreign corrupt practices and violations of economic sanctions. David also helped create and lead the firm's formation of Regulatory Data Corp (RDC), in which 20 of the leading global banks invested. RDC was acquired by Vista Equity Partners in 2016. Prior to working at Goldman Sachs, David served for 10 years as an Assistant US Attorney, in the Southern District of New York. David serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Foundation (City University of New York). In 2014, David received the FBI Director's Award for his efforts in combating international terrorism.



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