Coexisting with Risk from Natural Disasters

A National Academies Disasters Roundtable Workshop
The Pew DC Conference Center
901 E Street, NW - The Americas Room - 2nd Floor
October 26, 2011 -- Washington DC
The building’s entrance is located on 9th Street, near E Street, NW

Objectives are to better understand:

- How effective are the current practices and policies at the national and local scales in ensuring the distribution and assumption of risk in equitable ways?

- If disasters trend towards greater frequency or greater costs, how would current policies ensure equitable assumption and distribution of increased risk?

- How would current policies need to be changed to allow for equitable distribution or assumption of increased risk? What, if any, new policies would be needed to ensure equitable assumption and distribution of increased risk?

**OCTOBER 26, 2011**

9:00 am  **Welcome, Opening Remarks**
Ellis Stanley, Chair of the Disasters Roundtable

9:15 am  **Opening Session**
Gerry Galloway, University of Maryland

10-11:15 am  **Panel One: National Policies for risk prone areas**
1. In terms of addressing risk in equitable ways; how do national policies work well, what improvements are needed, and what are the gaps and opportunities that need to be addressed?
2. What are the key federal policies that get enacted in risk prone areas?
Panelist One: Howard Kunreuther, Professor, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Panelist Two: FEMA
Panelist Three: USACE
Panelist Four: Frank Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America

Q/A and Discussion
Moderator: Andy Bruzewicz, DR member

11:15-11:30 am Break

11:30-12:45 pm Panel Two: State and Local Management of Risk Prone Communities
1. How do your local communities use the national policies described by Panel One? What works really well, what doesn’t?
2. Are there additional policies that are drawn on in risk prone areas? What are they?
3. How do these policies work under increased risk scenarios?

Panelist One: Debra Ballen, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety
Panelist Two: Ronald Campbell, Emergency Management Coordinator, University of North Carolina
Panelist Three: Eric Carter, Fort Worth Office of Emergency Management
Panelist Four: TBD

Q/A and Discussion
Moderator: Juan Ortiz, DR member

12:45-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00-3:00 pm Panel Three: Future Needs; How to coexist with increased risk

1. How would current policies need to be changed to allow for equitable distribution or assumption of increased risk?
2. What, if any, new policies would be needed to ensure equitable assumption and distribution of increased risk?
3. What kind of framework is needed to better integrate national policies and local needs under scenarios of increased risk?

Panelist One: Claire Rubin, Claire B. Rubin & Associates
Panelist Two: Chauncia Willis: City of Tampa, Office of Emergency Management
Panelist Three: Gerry Galloway, University of Maryland
Panelist Four: Darrell Darnell, The George Washington University

Q/A and Discussion on roles and responsibilities
Moderator: David Kaufman, DR member

3:00 - 3:30 pm: **Moderated Open Mic Session**
   1. What do you think the main messages of this workshop are?
   2. What are key questions that weren’t addressed during the workshop?
   3. Next steps

Moderator: Darlene Sparks Washington, DR member

3:30 pm **Closing remarks**
Ellis Stanley, Chair of the Disasters Roundtable