

Climate Conversations: Insurance

Join us for a conversation about how to ensure the insurance industry can continue to support Americans amidst increasing climate hazards.

Increasingly frequent and severe wildfires, hurricanes, and other extreme weather disasters are not only damaging communities around the U.S., but also challenging the insurance industry responsible for providing coverage for these physical damages. **Umair Irfan** (Vox) will moderate a conversation between **Carolyn Kousky** (Environmental Defense Fund) and **Nidia Martínez** (WTW) about how to sustain a viable insurance system within the context of these worsening hazards, and about the roles that communities, policymakers, and the insurance industry itself can play in reducing community vulnerability to these hazards over coming decades.

The conversation will be webcast on the Climate Conversations: Insurance webpage on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 3-4:15pm ET**. Closed captioning will be provided. The conversation will include questions from the audience and will be recorded and available to view on the page after the event.

[*Climate Conversations: Pathways to Action*](#) is a monthly webinar series from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine that aims to convene high-level, cross-cutting, nonpartisan conversations about issues relevant to policy action on climate change.

Participant Bios

Carolyn Kousky is Associate Vice President for Economics and Policy at Environmental Defense Fund. Her research examines multiple aspects of climate risk management and policy approaches for increasing resilience. She has published numerous articles, reports, and book chapters on the economics and policy of climate risk and disaster finance, and in October published the book *Understanding Disaster Insurance: New Tools for a More Resilient Future*.

Nidia Martínez is Director of Climate Risk Analytics in the Climate and Resilience Hub at the insurance broker and consultancy company WTW. She leads global catastrophe, climate, resilience, and analytics initiatives to support the industry need to quantify systemic risk and respond to the climate emergency. Previously, she worked at Swiss Re and AIG, where she developed an expertise in risk management and underwriting support.

Umair Irfan is a senior correspondent at Vox writing about climate change, Covid-19, and energy policy. He is also a regular contributor to and occasional host of the radio program *Science Friday*. Prior to Vox, he was a reporter for ClimateWire at E&E News in Washington, DC, where he covered environmental health, the Department of Energy, and climate research.

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