



Natural risks and climate-related disasters

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Outline

- Typology of natural risks
- Climate-related disasters
- Overview in 2016
- Influence of climate change on risks
- Concluding remarks

Natural risks

- 1. Direct risks resulting from the occurrence of a natural hazard
 - Main hazards
 - Meteorological events: Storms
 - Hydrological events: *Floods*
 - Climatological events: Drought, Wildfires
 - Types: *Housing, Transportation*
 - Origin: Known, including for catastrophes
 - Data: Important set of events and associated losses
 - Insurability: *Possible*

Natural risks

- 2. Indirect risks resulting from subsequent events
 - Types: Financial losses, Farm losses, Political risk, Mortality
 - Examples
 - Disruptions in supply chains
 - Lack of resources
 - Political, economic and social chocks
 - Exposition of insurers' portfolios and commitments
 - Origin: Cannot be foreseeable nor predictable
 - Data: No historical data or not interpretable
 - Insurability: *Impossible or tricky*

Natural disasters

- Main stakes
 - Correlation of losses
 - Many victims, facilities and activities –
 - No pooling (for insurers)
 - Magnitude of losses
 - Insurance/Reinsurance companies overwhelmed
 - Key role of the government
 - Coordination of emergency aid and humanitarian help
 - Initiator of the insurance market
 - Insurer of last resort

According to Aon (2017): Economic Loss: \$50 M Insured Loss: \$25 M Fatalities: 10 Injured: 50 Structures damaged: 2,000

Weather-related disasters Trend 1980-2016



Source: Munich Re (2017), AON (2017)

Weather-related disasters Losses 1980-2016



Source: Munich Re (2017), AON (2017)

Disasters in 2016 Location



Source: Munich Re (2017), AON (2017)

Climatological events: Extreme temperatures, drought, wildfire

Disasters in 2016 Global/Insured economic losses by peril



Source: AON (2017)

Climate change

- Main drivers
 - Natural processes: Solar activities, Volcanism
 - Intensification of anthropic activities, which are greenhouse gas emitters
- Consequences

Deviation in global mean temperature from the 1901–2000 average

 Accelerated shift of climatic parameters: *Temperatures, Rainfall, Wind*



Source: Munich Re (2017)

Regional deviation of the 2016 mean annual temperature from the 1981–2010 mean



In a nutshell

- Increased exposition (AON, 2016)
 - 85%: Economic growth and migration towards urban and coastal areas, which are the most at-risk
 - 15%: Weather itself
- The influence of man at stake
 - Example of rising water
- Developing countries are the most concerned
- Increased and more volatile damages
- Which insurance coverage?





Thank you for your attention!

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