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Overview

As catastrophe risks grow in scale, speed, and complexity, the insurance industry faces a defining moment. The challenge is no longer just to understand risk but to act on it decisively. Business leaders must embed climate adaptation into workforce and location strategies, leverage advanced AI, predictive analytics, and early warning systems, and drive cross-functional collaboration to anticipate and manage increasingly volatile weather patterns. In this new era, the decisions we make today powered by technology and insight will determine not only profitability but the long-term resilience and sustainability of our industry.

Asia remains disproportionately susceptible to NatCat and extreme weather. In 2025 alone, the region accounted for four of the six costliest extreme weather events globally and continues to experience rising temperatures at twice the rate of the global average. Total NatCat losses reached approximately \$73 billion, exceeding the 10-year average of \$66 billion. Alarmingly, only around \$9 billion of those losses were insured — leaving a substantial protection gap. *(Cited Marsh 2026 Global Risks Report: Asia's top five business risks in an era of uncertainty)*

Climate change is now influencing insurability, financing conditions, and capital allocation. Ageing infrastructure and inadequate building standards compound vulnerability, particularly in the construction sector. In the Philippines, for instance, repeated typhoon and flood events have exposed structural weaknesses in urban planning and disaster preparedness, affecting entire cities and critical infrastructure. *(Cited Marsh 2026 Global Risks Report: Asia's top five business risks in an era of uncertainty)*



In APAC, economic losses from natural disasters reached at least \$76 billion, which is 41% below the 21st-century average. Most of the damage was driven by the Myanmar earthquake, flooding in northern and southwest China, cyclones Ditwah and Senyar, Typhoon Matmo, as well as several flooding, drought and wildfire events, each of which surpassed the one-billion-dollar loss threshold. Insured losses in 2025 exceeded \$7 billion, which was 54% below the 21st century average. *(Cited AON 2026 Climate and Catastrophe Insight)*

According to the Philippine Insurance Commission (37), the non-life sector posted a year-on-year increase of 13% in premiums, rising from \$906.5 million in Q3 2024 to over \$1 billion as of Q3 2025. Total insurance penetration climbed to 1.85% as of Q3 2025, an increase of 0.11 percentage points from Q3 2024, with the non-life insurance component estimated at 1.1%, suggesting gradual progress in strengthening financial resilience against natural catastrophes. *(Cited AON 2026 Climate and Catastrophe Insight)*

Cyclones Ditwah and Senyar were the costliest storms, striking Sri Lanka, India and Southeast Asia in late November and early December, causing a combined economic loss of \$11.5 billion. Despite its relatively low intensity, Cyclone Ditwah proved particularly damaging with a death toll of around 640 people, making it the deadliest natural disaster to hit Sri Lanka since the 2004 Tsunami. Moreover, early October Tropical Cyclone Matmo hit four countries — the Philippines, China, Vietnam and Thailand — causing economic losses of \$4.3 billion. Among the most impactful were Typhoon Ragasa and Tropical Storm Wipha, each of which caused economic losses exceeding \$1 billion *(Cited AON 2026 Climate and Catastrophe Insight)*

As catastrophe risks continue to evolve, the key question is no longer whether we are impacted but how prepared we truly are. From understanding how recent events have shaped our organizations, to identifying emerging risks, assessing sector exposure, and strengthening resilience across people and assets, the path forward demands informed, decisive action. Ultimately, those who leverage insight, rethink strategy, and collaborate effectively across the ecosystem will be best positioned to close protection gaps and build a more resilient future.

Join us at the 22nd Asia Nat CAT and Climate Change Conference, taking place on 14–15 May 2026 in Manila Philippines, proudly hosted by Asia Insurance Review. As climate volatility reshapes the risk landscape, this premier gathering will bring together senior insurance leaders, reinsurers, regulators, and industry experts to examine the evolving nature of catastrophe risk and its implications for business decisions. Through strategic discussions on risk assessment, modelling, capital impact, and actionable strategies, the conference offers a critical platform to gain insights, exchange perspectives, and shape a more resilient future for the insurance industry.

Who Should Attend

Reinsurers

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) / Managing Director
- Chief Risk Officer (CRO)
- Head of Catastrophe Risk
- Head of Underwriting
- Portfolio Managers
- Reinsurance Analysts

General Insurers / Primary Insurers

- CEO / Managing Director
- Chief Underwriting Officer (CUO)
- Chief Risk Officer (CRO)
- Head of Claims / Claims Director
- Head of Property & Casualty (P&C)
- Head of Catastrophe & Risk Modelling
- Product Managers – Catastrophe / Property Insurance

Reinsurance & Insurance Brokers

- CEO / Managing Director
- Head of Reinsurance Broking
- Senior Underwriter
- Risk Advisory Manager
- Catastrophe Risk Broker

Underwriters & Claims Managers

- Senior Property Underwriter
- Catastrophe / Natural Perils Underwriter
- Claims Director / Head of Claims
- Loss Adjusters & Claims Analysts

Government Officials

- Ministry of Finance / Insurance Department Officials
- Regulators involved in Catastrophe Risk Management
- Environmental Planning Officers
- Disaster Risk Management Authorities
- Climate Change Policy Advisors

Climate Change Experts & Agencies

- Climate Risk Analysts
- Environmental Scientists
- Climate Policy Advisors
- Sustainability Officers

Catastrophe & Seismology Experts

- Seismologists
- Meteorologists
- Catastrophe Risk Researchers
- Geophysical Analysts

Catastrophe Modelling Agencies

- Head of Modelling
- Catastrophe Modeller / Analyst
- Data Scientists in Risk Analytics
- Model Validation Specialists



Risk Managers

- Enterprise Risk Manager
- Operational Risk Manager
- Strategic Risk Advisor
- Portfolio Risk Manager

Regulators

- Insurance Commission Officers
- Solvency & Capital Regulation Specialists
- Market Conduct / Compliance Officers

Consultants & Actuaries

- Consulting Actuaries
- Risk & Strategy Consultants
- Climate Risk Advisors
- Insurance Advisory Specialists

Capital Market Players

- Investment Analysts for Insurance-linked Securities (ILS)
- Portfolio Managers – Catastrophe Bonds
- Alternative Risk Transfer Advisors
- Hedge Fund / Private Equity Insurance Specialists

Service Providers to the Insurance Industry

- Software / Modelling Tool Providers
- Data Providers / Risk Intelligence Agencies
- Claims Management Services
- Loss Adjusting Firms
- Legal & Compliance Advisory

Building Excellence: Highlights from Previous Edition



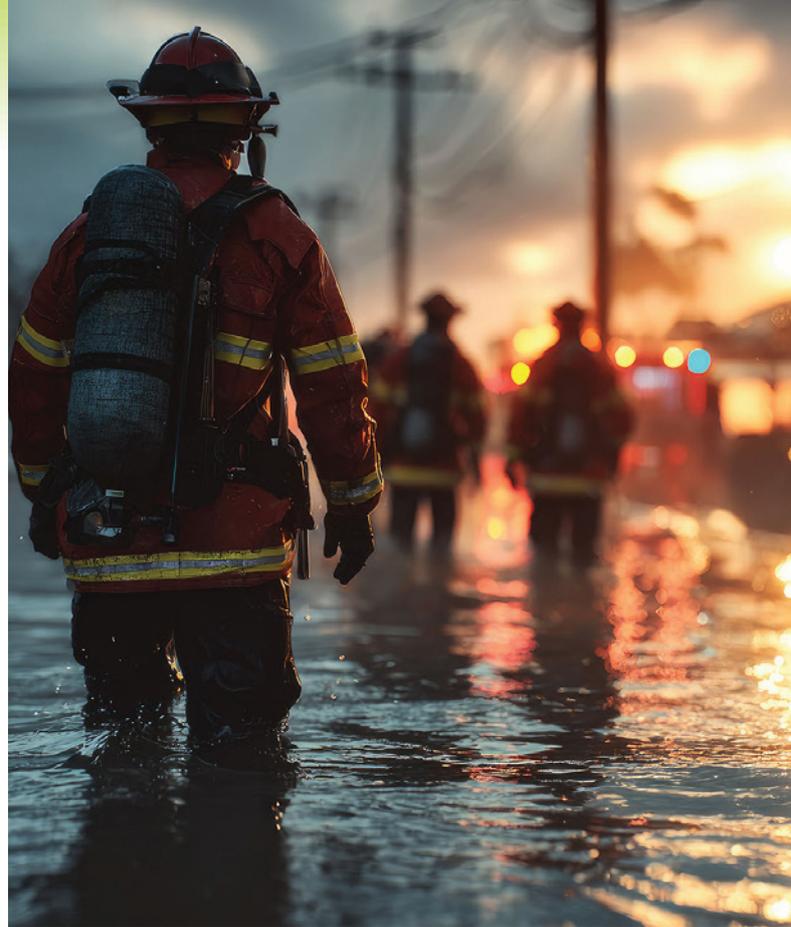
Key Topics

Spotlight Session: Risk in focus – Understanding the new catastrophe reality

- The new climate reality: Are catastrophe risks being underestimated in Asia?
- Beyond primary perils: The rising impact of secondary risks (flood, heat, wildfire)
- Urbanization & exposure: Why losses are growing faster than expected
- Closing the protection gap: Who is still uninsured – and why it matters
- From frequency to severity: Are extreme events becoming the new normal?
- Regional risk outlook: Where are Asia's next catastrophe hotspots?
- Climate volatility and accumulation risk: Are portfolios too concentrated?

Spotlight Session: Modelling in focus – Turning risk data into decision intelligence

- Are catastrophe models still fit for purpose in a changing climate?
- From model output to business action: Bridging the decision gap
- The limits of modelling: Managing uncertainty in high-stakes decisions
- AI & advanced analytics: Transforming the future of catastrophe risk assessment
- Data challenges in Asia: Are we making decisions with incomplete information?
- Scenario testing & stress modelling: Preparing for the unthinkable
- Model risk governance: Who owns the decision when models are wrong?



Spotlight Session: Capital in focus – The true cost of catastrophe risk

- The true cost of climate risk
- Reinsurance strategies in a hard market: Retain more or transfer more?
- Pricing under pressure: Can premiums keep up with climate risk?
- Capital allocation in high-risk markets: Where should we deploy?
- Balancing growth and volatility: How much risk is too much?
- The economics of catastrophe risk: Are some markets becoming uninsurable?
- Impact of Nat CAT losses on combined ratio and shareholder returns

Spotlight Session: Strategy in focus – From risk insight to decisive action

- Decide or exit: Should insurers pull back from high-risk markets?
- Redesigning insurance products for a climate-exposed future
- Parametric insurance & innovation
- Building climate resilience as a core business strategy
- Public-private partnerships: Closing the protection gap together
- From risk transfer to risk prevention: A new role for insurers?
- The next decade of insurance: What decisions will define market leaders?
- Where could deeper collaboration with insurers or partners help close protection gaps or improve recovery outcomes?





Day One: 14 May 2026, Thursday

- 8:00 am **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 9:00 am **Opening Remarks by Insurance Regulator**
- 9:10 am **Opening Keynote: The New climate reality – Are we underestimating catastrophe risk in Asia?**
- 9:35 am **Panel Session 1: Risk in focus – Understanding the new catastrophe reality across insurers, reinsurers, and risk modellers**
- As catastrophe risks become more complex and unpredictable, insurers, reinsurers, and risk modellers must align their perspectives to better understand the evolving risk landscape. This session will explore how changing climate patterns, rising secondary perils, and growing exposure concentrations are reshaping risk assumptions across the industry. Panelists will share insights on whether current approaches are sufficient and how collaboration across stakeholders can lead to a more accurate, forward-looking view of catastrophe risk.
- 10:35 am **Networking Coffee Break**
- 11:00 am **From Frequency to Severity: Are extreme events the new normal?**
- 11:25 am **Closing the Protection Gap: Who remains uninsured and why?**
- 12:15 pm **Corporate Luncheon Buffet**
- 1:15 pm **AI & advanced analytics: Transforming catastrophe risk assessment**
- 1:40 pm **Panel Session 2: Modelling in Focus – Turning risk data into decision intelligence**
- As catastrophe risks grow more complex, the ability to translate modelling outputs into clear, actionable decisions has become critical. This session will explore how insurers, reinsurers, and risk modellers can move beyond technical analysis to generate meaningful business insights. From addressing data gaps and model limitations to leveraging AI and advanced analytics, panelists will discuss how to strengthen confidence in models and bridge the gap between risk assessment and strategic decision-making.
- 2:40 pm **Networking Break**
- 3:05 pm **From model output to business action: Bridging the decision gap**
- 3:30 pm **Data challenges in Asia: Are we making decisions with incomplete information?**
- 3:55 pm **Model risk governance: Who owns the decision when models are wrong?**
- 4:20 pm **End of session for Day 1**



Day Two: 15 May 2026, Friday

- 8:00 am **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
- 9:15 am **The cost of climate risk: Impact on profitability and capital**
- 9:40 am **Panel Session 3: Capital in focus – The true cost of catastrophe risk**
As catastrophe losses continue to rise, insurers and reinsurers face increasing pressure on profitability, capital allocation, and long-term sustainability. This session will examine the true financial impact of climate risk from pricing and underwriting challenges to reinsurance strategies and capital deployment decisions. Panelists will share perspectives on how organizations can balance growth with volatility, optimize risk transfer, and navigate an environment where some risks may be becoming increasingly difficult to insure.
- 10:40 am **Networking Coffee Break**
- 11:05 am **Balancing growth and volatility: How much risk is too much?**
- 11:30 am **Impact of Nat CAT losses on combined ratio and shareholder returns**
- 11:55 am **Corporate Luncheon Buffet**
- 1:00 pm **Parametric insurance & new solutions for climate risk**
- 1:25 pm **Panel Session 4: Strategy in focus – From risk insight to decisive action**
As climate risks intensify and uncertainty becomes the norm, insurers and reinsurers must translate insights into clear, decisive strategies. This session will explore how organizations are responding through portfolio rebalancing, product innovation, and enhanced collaboration across the ecosystem. From navigating high-risk markets to building climate resilience and closing protection gaps, panelists will discuss the critical decisions that will shape the future of the industry.
- 2:25 pm **Networking Break**
- 2:50 pm **From risk transfer to risk prevention: The evolving role of insurers**
- 3:15 pm **The Next Decade of Insurance: Decisions that will define market leaders**
- 3:40 pm **Redesigning insurance products for a climate-exposed future**
- 4:05 pm **End of session for Day 2**

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