Natural disasters are occurring more frequently and with greater intensity. As the recent tragedies in Haiti, Chile and Pakistan have shown, natural disasters are unforeseeable in their timing and can have severe impacts on public finances as governments must cover the costs of emergency and relief efforts as well as subsequent reconstruction of infrastructure.

Today, fortunately, innovative solutions have been created which allow governments to transfer risks to the insurance and capital markets, thereby diversifying their financing. These solutions, ranging from microfinance for the poor to catastrophe bonds for the government itself, bring together the know-how and resources of both corporations and governments in true public-private partnerships.

Swiss Re, in conjunction with the Wharton Women’s Club, welcomes you to join a discussion panel that will address the importance of these solutions, including drawing upon lessons already learned from the microfinance industry. The panel will leverage the expertise of academics as well as practitioners to draw a compelling picture of what we can do to solve these problems today.

Panelists:

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Vice President, Swiss Re

Neil Doherty  
Professor: Insurance and Risk Management Department, The Wharton School

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Key Details

- Location: Jon M. Huntsman Hall  
- Room: 250  
- Date: September 27, 2010  
- Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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We invite you to attend the panel to learn more about Swiss Re and our graduates program.

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