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Erwann O. Michel-Kerjan (EMK) is an authority on managing the risks, the financial impact and the business and public policy challenges and opportunities associated with catastrophic events. Originally from France, he teaches both in the MBA and executive programs at the *Wharton School* in Philadelphia, one of the world's premier business schools, and serves as Executive Director of the Wharton Risk Management Center, which for three decades has been at the forefront of research and discoveries on extreme events.

Risk management has evolved from a merely technical issue to become a key strategic element involving the C-suite and the Board. Dr. Michel-Kerjan advises several multinationals, foundations and heads of state on how to build an overall integrated risk management strategy based on value creation. He has testified on several occasions on these issues before the US Congress. He currently serves on the US National Academies of Science's panel on pricing flood insurance for negatively elevated structures. Since 2008 he serves as Chairman of the OECD Secretary-General Board on Financial Management of Catastrophes, an influential group that works closely with governments of its 34 member countries on these issues. He joined SCOR's foundation Board in 2013.

Winner of the prestigious Kulp-Wright award for the most influential book on risk management (*At War with the Weather*, MIT Press), he has authored over 100 publications and his view regularly appear in popular outlets ranging from BBC, CNN, Huffington Post, The Economist, The New York Times, Newsweek, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Nature and Science. He has given over 150 speeches, including the opening keynote of the G20 on catastrophic risk management in 2012.

Dr. Michel-Kerjan was named a Young Global Leader by the *World Economic Forum* (WEF-Davos) in 2007, an "honor bestowed to recognize and acknowledge the most extraordinary leaders of the world under the age of 40". He was a founding member of the *WEF Global Agenda Council on Leadership and Innovation for Reducing Risks*, co-led the *WEF/G20 Paris initiative on Global Risks* under the high patronage of then-President Sarkozy and currently serves on the WEF advisory board of the Global Risks initiative in its 10th year of existence. He also joined the board of the *Women Investment Network* (chaired by Melinda Gates and Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Norway) in 2014, which promotes the development of girls and women around the world.

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