

# WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM *GLOBAL RISKS* 2014 BRIEFING

CAS IN-FOCUS: NAVIGATING RISKY WATERS-ERM FOR P&C

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Business confidence may be on the rise, but companies anticipate significant challenges in forecasting critical risks over the next few years

61%

OF COMPANIES ARE RAISING REVENUE GROWTH TARGETS, MOVING FROM DEFENSIVE TO PROACTIVE INITIATIVES

86%

OF COMPANIES ANTICIPATE AS MUCH, OR MORE, DIFFICULTY IN FORECASTING CRITICAL RISKS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

42%

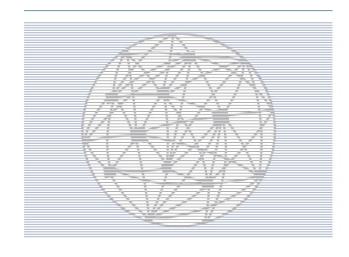
OF COMPANIES STRUGGLE TO INTEGRATE RISK AND FORECASTING DATA INTO STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING

Source: 2014 Association for Financial Professionals / Oliver Wyman Risk Survey

#### The annual Global Risks report is prepared by the World Economic Forum



#### Global Risks 2014 Ninth Edition



Global Risks 2014 overview

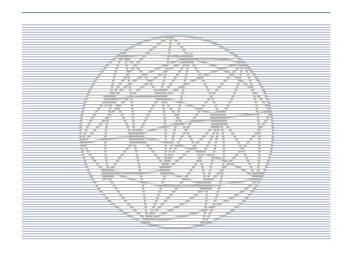
Three key challenges – risks in focus

Resilience and solutions

### But first, a video...



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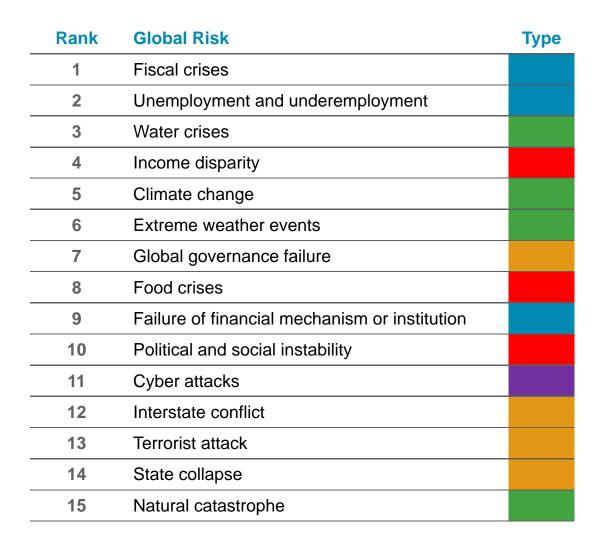




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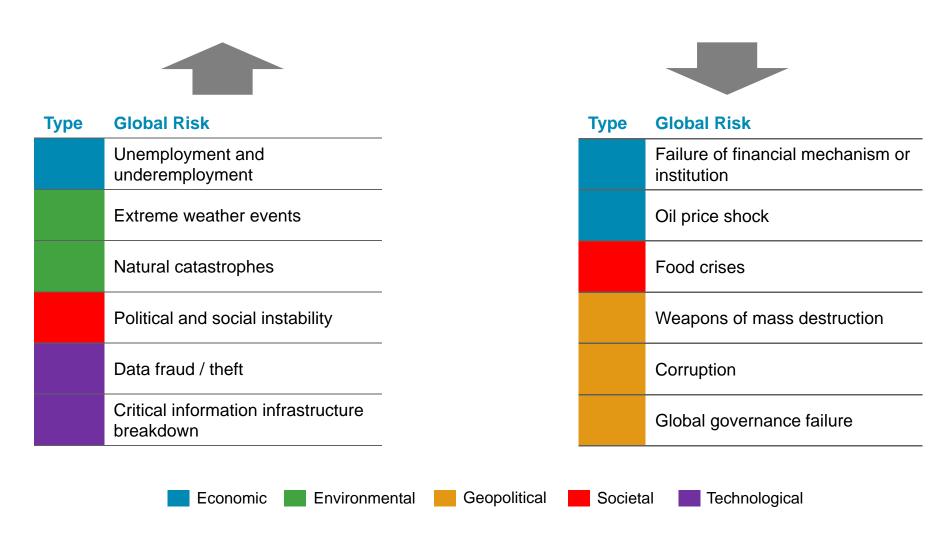
## Economic and environmental risks were of most concern, reflecting the fallout from the financial crisis and the growing impacts of climate change





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### Unemployment, extreme weather events, and technology-based risks were among the main upwards movers in this year's survey



Source: World Economic Forum, Global Risks reports, 2012-2014. 700 respondents.

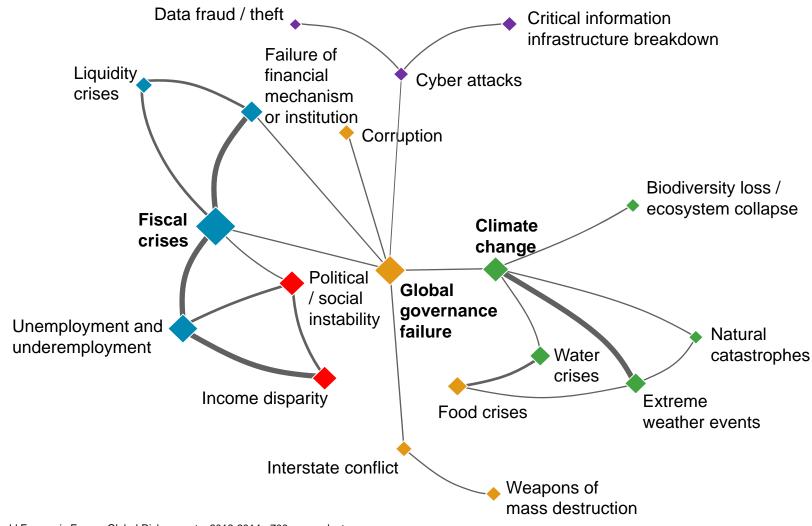
Demographic and societal risks dominate a list of trends that may increasingly shape the risk environment over the long term

Risks of future concern – perceptions survey



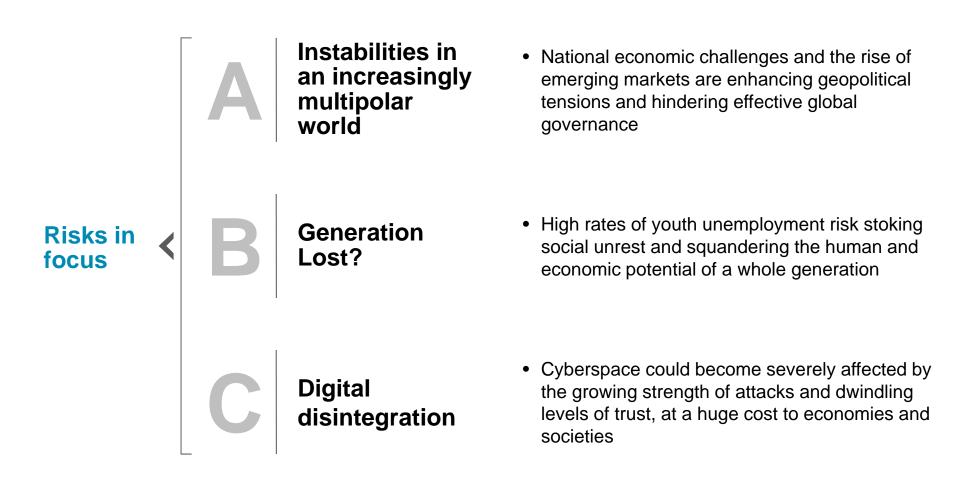
Source: World Economic Forum. Global Risks 2014

### Many of the top global risks are "connected" with each other – often giving rise to systemic or spill-over impacts



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## The report explores three broad risks that may affect global development over the coming decade



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A preoccupation with domestic priorities is increasingly setting the tone for international relations and may threaten the advance of global prosperity

#### **Drivers of uncertainty**

#### **Emerging markets**

complexity of reform agendas

#### **Advanced economies**

affordability and legitimacy concerns

#### Rising / resurgent nations

scope for missteps in power projection

#### **Populist movements**

influence on national governments

#### **Rogue actors**

asymmetric conflict opportunities

#### **Multilateral organizations**

ageing constitutions and discordant voices

### Geopolitical fragmentation may have adverse consequences for three sectors that are critical to the well-being of the global economy



#### **Energy**

- Strategic resource plays at home and abroad
- Assets used as a tool of international statecraft
- Rising resource nationalism?
- Vulnerability of energysector revenues



#### **Healthcare**

- Overstretched / underfunded "national" healthcare systems
- Poaching of medical expertise and erosion of intellectual property rights
- Price pressure undermining pharmaceutical innovation

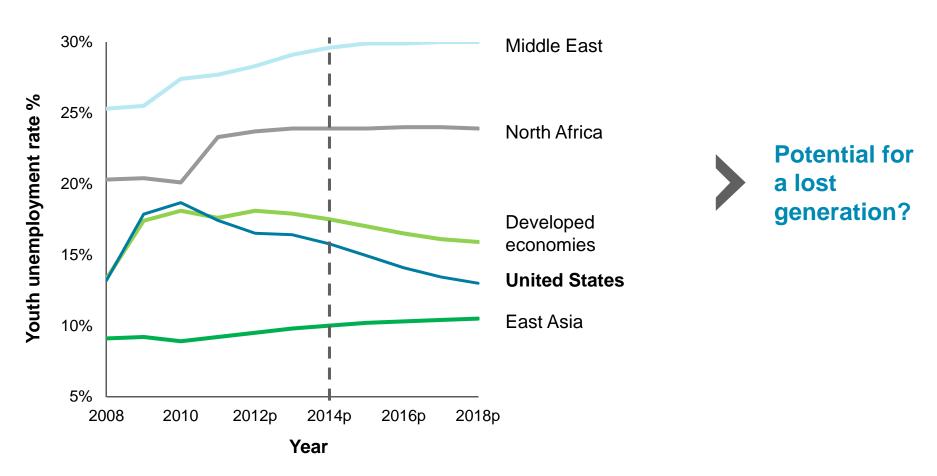


#### **Financial services**

- Privileging national systems (and players)
- Repatriation of funds and smaller cross-border flows
- Rise of new systemic risks
- Stop-start liberalization in emerging markets

## In many regions, high unemployment is frustrating young people's efforts to earn, generate savings, gain professional experience and build careers

#### Youth unemployment rates, 2008-18p



Source: International Labour Organization – Global Employment Trends for Youth 2013

### A lost generation may add significant structural costs over both the long and short term

#### **Short term Medium term** Long term On youth Low morale Lack of career Potential shortfall in savings for old age progression Disaffection and declining trust in Lack of job security inhibiting long-term government planning Increased inequality Brain drain to other Welfare burden created On society countries by a lost generation Social instability Labour force quality Erosion of long-term national competitiveness impacts due to lower uptake in higher education Challenges in supporting an ageing society

Increasing connectivity is combining with powerful offensive attacks to undermine trust and raise questions about systemic vulnerabilities

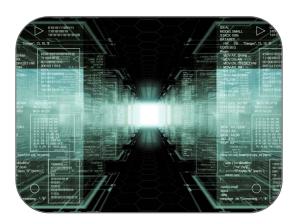
Internet of 'things'

Offense ] Defense

Rise in cyber warfare











Systemic physical vulnerabilities

Higher barriers and costs

### Society and business faces systemic risks resulting from severe breakdowns in both physical infrastructure and institutional trust in the internet

### Systemic physical vulnerabilities

- Source of exposure
  - Cyber attacks crime, espionage, hactivism, war
  - Physical threats solar storms, earthquakes, floods
- Key impact areas
  - Critical infrastructure power grids
  - Shared hosting services and other communications platforms

### Higher barriers and costs

- Diverging goals for internet governance
  - Loss of trust between key players
  - Difficulty in developing global secure standards
- Strengthening of national internet boundaries
  - Balkanization of access
  - Restrictions on data location and movement

To tackle global risks, stakeholders across sectors and countries must combine in creative ways to strengthen resilience and develop solutions

#### **Re-build trust**

Incentivise long-term thinking

**Encourage multi-stakeholder action** 

Re-energise global governance

### Companies should also build resilience to these risks into their planning processes and governance arrangements

- Better understand corporate vulnerability to global risks
  - Develop trusted data sources and leading indicators
  - Encourage information-sharing between governments and industry
  - Use risk appetite questions to define clear tolerances regarding exposures
  - Test long-term planning and capital allocation against key trends and shock scenarios
- Strengthen strategic corporate agility to address emerging opportunities / threats
  - Diversify and seeking out natural hedges, where possible
  - Build political capital at multiple levels to understand decision drivers and anticipate surprises
  - Prepare fully for potential crisis situations to safeguard the company reputation
  - Undertake (table-top) simulations based on evolving scenarios

#### Managing Global Risks Within a P&C Context

#### General

- Assess frequency (likelihood) and severity (impact) of risks relevant to your firm.
- Lost generation: development and training of staff
- Difficulty in forecasting risks and integrating into strategic decision-making
- Impact of extreme weather events
- Impact of fiscal crises on investments
- Line of business / geographic specific risk: D&O, political risk, international

#### Cyber Risk

- Increasing frequency of attacks to insurers, to insureds and to insureds' suppliers
- Supply chain failures can significantly impact insureds' (insurers') revenue, credibility and reputation
- Reinsurers' concerns over ability of market to understand risks that are being underwritten and the viability of offering business interruption/contingent business interruption cover.
  - Insurance does not replace need for solid risk management (insureds and insurers)
  - Improved risk management a condition of offering coverage
- Increasing level of insurance limits being purchased
- Potential for litigation over what is and what is not covered

