

A photograph of a tropical beach during a storm. In the foreground, white, foamy waves are crashing onto a sandy beach. Several palm trees are visible, their fronds blowing in the wind. The background is hazy and overcast, suggesting a heavy rain or storm. The overall mood is one of natural power and potential risk.

# ISLAND RESILIENCE

Impacts & Risks

**ISLEFACT**  
2026 CPD SEMINAR SERIES



## OVERVIEW

Global geopolitical tensions and ongoing world trade uncertainties are a real concern. In addition, other significant issues such as the rapid adoption of AI applications and the lower priority now seemingly being given to climate change mitigation, are particularly important.

This period of volatility and change is already presenting economic, social, and environmental challenges for all island jurisdictions and the organisations operating within these communities.

By constantly monitoring and interpreting global and regional trends and addressing the associated positive and negative implications for island administrations, we offer ‘Continuing Professional Development’ (CPD) accredited seminars to organisations based in **Jersey, Guernsey, or Isle of Man.**

Key personnel within an organisation who have strategic and operational management responsibilities will benefit most from these seminars, the primary objectives of which are to:

- **Stress the relevance of external factors in the determination of overall internal strategy, operational direction, and risk assessment.**
- **Highlight potential economic, social and environmental impact scenarios thus enabling steps to be taken to mitigate any negative consequences.**
- ◆ **Identify and address where internal organisational weaknesses may be apparent in terms of a lack of key data and information.**

## BACKGROUND

This half-day CPD accredited Seminar addresses these global and regional trends and their associated island impacts and risks. It is also designed to increase awareness within client organisations of the importance of identifying and monitoring the resilience and vulnerability of island communities over time particularly in what are very challenging times.

Twenty key island resilience/vulnerability indicators are used when benchmarking the effectiveness of strategies and policies between a range of island jurisdictions. Critical mass and economies of scale have also to be taken into account.

## KEY OUTCOMES

The key outcomes of this Seminar are to:

- Understand the risks and impacts of latest global conditions on islands and business decision-making,
- Recognise the wide range of island resilience and vulnerability factors and the importance of each in the sustainable development of the community and to the local business environment,
- Realise the weaknesses now of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a measure of island economic development and assess options to move away from this measure, and
- Appreciate the current strategic focus of island governments in the context of resilience and position on the economic life cycle.

## FORMAT

### Part 1

A PowerPoint presentation will be given and comprise:

- Latest global trends and events currently and/or potentially of significance to island communities and organisations,
- Identification and measurement of how resilient or vulnerable islands currently are and the challenges they face in an economic, social, and environmental context,
- What steps may need to be taken to rationalise economic measures such as GDP, and
- The current strategic focus of island governments and how this impacts on island-based organisations.

### Part 2

Following a short break, an interactive discussion session will then take place on the above issues when attendee concerns over their own strategic and operational thinking and direction will also be considered in depth.

The importance of constantly monitoring economic, social and environmental indicators is essential when making performance comparisons between islands with similar economic and social profiles and identifying best practice. They also enable the business environment across similar island jurisdictions to be broadly the same when assessing risk.



## LOCATION, COST & ATTENDANCE

While alternative venues can be offered, the seminar event is normally held within the client organisation's premises if suitable presentation facilities are available.

The cost per in-house event is £975 with attendee numbers set between 5 and 12 persons. This limitation enables all attendees to:

- Collectively benefit from the presentation and, then to:
- Take part in the interactive discussion which would specifically focus on the organisation's own objectives, the sector it falls within, and the island(s) in which it is located.

If suitable presentation facilities are not available in-house, an alternative venue can be offered to the organisation. Only the direct cost of hiring this external facility inclusive of the provision of light refreshments is added to the overall seminar fee.

## FEEDBACK & ACCREDITATION

It is essential that delegates are able to provide qualitative feedback at all times on the presentation and discussion session. Therefore, the views and opinions of all those attending a seminar will be sought once the event has taken place.

Each seminar attendee receives a Certificate of Attendance and is able to register three CPD credit hours (points).



# FACILITATOR

**CHRIS BROCK** is Principal Advisor of ISLEFACT and Facilitator of the CPD accredited seminar programme. He brings the following key strengths:



- Extensive island economic, social, and environmental knowledge and experience with emphasis on how external factors impact island strategy and policy direction.
- Recognition of the importance of drawing upon best practice in island communities wherever it is being applied.
- High level of strategic and operational experience in both island public and private sectors as well as in a political environment.
- Success in undertaking research projects over many years for a wide range of public, private and third sector organisations based in Jersey, Guernsey, and Isle of Man.
- Development and introduction of several innovative and successful island economic and social strategies.
- A full understanding of the importance of effective communication in a diverse range of services and activities.
- Membership of Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs) since 2017 with expertise in ‘Critical Mass’ and ‘Economies of Scale’ within small island communities worldwide.

**To find out more about our Seminar Programme and reserve a seminar event, do contact Chris Brock at: [chris@islefact.com](mailto:chris@islefact.com)**



Located in Guernsey, we have extensive knowledge of and practical experience in how islands operate globally. There is a wide range of island economic and social models adopted and it is essential that data and information are benchmarked accurately. Full details of all our services can be found at: [www.islefact.com](http://www.islefact.com)

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