

# ISLAND RESILIENCE

## Impacts & Risks

ISLEFACT 2026/27 CPD SEMINAR SERIES

# Objectives

This half-day CPD accredited Seminar addresses 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

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

PowerPoint presentation comprising:

- 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
- Current strategic focus of island governments and how this impacts on island-based organisations.

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# Format - Part 2

Following a short break, Interactive discussion session on the above issues when attendee concerns over their own strategic and operational thinking and direction are 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 & 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.

Attendee numbers are set between a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 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.

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 can register three CPD credit hours (points).

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# Facilitator

**CHRIS BROCK** is Principal Advisor 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.
- Member of Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs) since 2017 with expertise in ‘Critical Mass’ and ‘Economies of Scale’ within small island communities worldwide.



