

# PeakRe >

Environmental,  
Social and  
Governance  
("ESG")  
Disclosure 2017





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## Overview

### UNEP-PSI 2017 ESG Disclosure

Peak Re continues to recognise that our commitment to profitable and sustainable growth needs to take into account the broader social and environmental impact of our actions. Therefore, we maintain a series of strategies to fulfil our contribution to Environmental, Social and Governance development.

We are a signatory to the Principles of Sustainable Insurance (PSI) of the Finance Initiative of the United Nations Environmental Agency (UNEP FI), which serves to better understand, prevent and reduce environmental, social and governance risks, and to provide reliable protection.

This report shows our commitment as a responsible company and describes how we continued this commitment in 2017.





## Corporate Governance

### Terms of Reference for ESG Responsibility

Based on the established ESG responsibility framework, Peak Re has continued to apply our own ESG policies for five years since commencing operation. These Terms of Reference were approved by the board of directors and are continuously supported by the senior management team. The policies are reviewed and updated annually to address any ESG performance or emerging issues, as seen to be desirable.

### ESG Exclusion List – Screening and Tracking Guideline

In 2013, Peak Re established guidelines and procedures for screening and tracking of the ESG Exclusions in both underwriting and investments and continues to enforce the exclusions. Peak Re's Exclusion List ensures that we do not support any business in violation of ESG standards when providing reinsurance capacity. Typical exclusions include risks or investments for weapons and munitions, gambling and casinos, employment likely to involve abuse of human rights and child labour, forestry and logging, etc.

In 2017, based on the criteria laid down in the ESG framework, we have continued to review each and every piece of business that we plan to accept. If an underwriter mis-codes business as non-sensitive then they are liable to pay a fine, to be paid to a charity designated by Peak Re. The same rules also apply to all the investment choices made, including bonds and equities.

### E-learning Course

Every staff member is required to pass an E-learning course on "Managing Environmental and Social Performance". By the end of 2017, all staff, both from the Hong Kong office and our Zurich subsidiary, passed the course and received a completion certificate. It is part of Peak Re's company orientation that all new joiners are required to pass the course within 2 months of joining the company.



## Our Clients and Partners

### Insurance-enabled economic development

Peak Re was founded five years ago with a strong sense of the value that insurance can bring to communities. The Company has consistently been active in some of the poorest countries in the world, from Papua New Guinea and Fiji to Cambodia and Bangladesh, paying out claims and supporting local and locally owned insurers.

It is the nature of the business that reinsurers tend to see the world in aggregate, but as socially responsible organisations we need to look beyond the aggregates to see how our actions affect individuals. While internal rates of return and combined ratios are important, at Peak Re we are also motivated by the belief that reinsurance and insurance are vital tools in the development agenda. By reducing the cost of financing, insurance can enable water treatment, hospitals, schools, power stations, roads and bridges. With this in mind, the Company engages in a number of initiatives that aim to improve the understanding of emerging and increasing risks in the region, and provide new solutions to mitigating and protecting against their impact.

### Partnership with Shanghai Typhoon Institute



Since 2015, Peak Re has partnered with the Shanghai Typhoon Institute (STI) on research projects related to North-West Pacific basin and South China Sea tropical cyclones. Protection against typhoons, a major peril in China and the wider region, is compulsory on all insurance policies. The research allows insurers to better understand these cyclones and mitigate the risks. STI and Peak Re issue two reports each year, one in May on pre-cyclone season predictions and one in August providing a mid-season review and corrections for the remaining season. Peak Re reviews and provides suggestions for the reports prepared by STI.

### Natural Disaster Insurance Scheme – Sri Lanka

The Government of Sri Lanka seeks natural disaster protection through its National Insurance Trust Fund (NITF), covering physical damage, accidental death for human life and emergency relief expenses. Through this initiative, the Sri Lankan government is able to provide a safety net to people who previously had no access to insurance. Peak Re supports this initiative, helping the government achieve greater financial certainty and stability, and hence extend its insurance scheme to an even wider population in Sri Lanka.



## CARMA – Catastrophe and Risk Management in the ASEAN countries

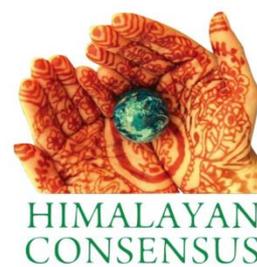
Peak Re became a sponsor and contributor of CARMA, an online platform to share information on Catastrophes and Risk Management in ASEAN countries, in 2017. The platform is run under the auspices of the ASEAN Insurance Council (AIC) with the aim to strengthen the ties between AIC members. CARMA promotes preventive risk management and serves to spread knowledge, awareness and data to model and mitigate natural catastrophe risk while enhancing the collaboration among the insurers in the ASEAN region.



[www.carma-asean.com](http://www.carma-asean.com)

## Sponsorship of Himalayan Consensus

Peak Re has been an active contributor and adviser to the Himalayan Consensus, which was created to enhance the region's resilience against natural disasters through community empowerment. The Consensus aims to encourage grass root solutions and efforts to improve economic sustainability while protecting ethnic diversity and local identity. Peak Re has moved beyond its original sponsorship role to engage more actively in the design of instruments that can help communities respond to natural disasters, both in the Himalayan context and also in other parts of the developing world.





## Our Employees

### Company Team Building Event

Peak Re organizes a team building event every year to strengthen the connection and teamwork among staff. The 2017 event was taken place at Kerry Hotel on 13 October and is organized together with Team Building Asia.



By participating this team building activity, Peak Re has provided 30 children access to school for one day in Nepal through ABC Nepal.



## Share Love with NAGICO – Fund Raising and Christmas Photo Taking

In 2017, one of the most powerful storms on record, Hurricane Irma has destroyed critical infrastructure in many parts of the Caribbean region, leaving tremendous damages and thousands homeless. Hurricane Maria brought additional devastation.

To support our friends and colleagues in NAGICO in the Caribbean, Peak Re organized a donation event. Staff and family visited Peak Re Santa Group for a variety of photos. All proceeds collected from the fundraising activities were put in to a fund, which was set up by some NAGICO senior employees three years ago to originally support less fortunate employees in need and depends on personal contributions only.

As part of the support, Peak Re's CEO, CFO and CRO has made a join force together for a dollar-for-dollar match on all funds raised by employees.





## Environmental and Social Welfare

### UNEP-PSI Asia-Pacific Market Event

In 2017, Peak Re's Chief Risk Officer, Mr. Eckart Roth, joined the board of the PSI Initiative and took part in the Asia-Pacific Market Event at the United Nations University in Tokyo, where he discussed the integration of environmental, social and governance issues into the insurance business.

### Named a "Caring Company"

Peak Re has been accredited as a Caring Company by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service in recognition of the Company's commitment to caring for the community, employees and the environment. The scheme aims to foster strategic partnerships between the business and social services sectors to promote good corporate citizenship and create a more inclusive society.

