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Focal areas

- Climate change and policies
- Natural disasters and disaster prevention
- Water as a resource and risk factor
- Insurance solutions in the context of Foundation topics
- Sustainability

Background

Thomas Loster was a member of the Geo Risks Research staff at Munich Re from 1988 to 2004. He started out in this department with digital cartography, headed the sections of "Flood Risk Research" and "Weather Ris Research" and also the elementary loss statistics database "NatCatSERVICE". As a weather and climate expert, he represented Munich Re at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (COPs). Mr. Loster chaired the Climate Change Working Group of the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI) from 2003-2005.

In July 2004 he took up the post as Chairman of Munich Re Foundation. The Foundation's work addresses major global challenges: the fight against poverty, environmental and climate change, water as a resource and risk factor, demographic development and disaster prevention – and supports people in risk situations.

Thomas Loster is a member of the German National Committee of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, and was also a member of the German Council for Sustainable Development from 2006 to 2010. He is a member of the World Bank/IFC Advisory Panel on Business and Sustainability. He also chairs the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII), which seeks after insurance solutions for weather disasters in the developing and emerging nations.