

Stewart is Global Director, Policy and Investments at the Resilient Cities Network. He previously served as Regional Director and Senior Advisor for North America, Director Global Strategic Partnerships and Development, Senior Advisor in Resilience Finance, Acting Director for Europe and the Middle East, and Acting Director and City Relationship Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean. He was also the lead on the 100RC prize challenge, and Resilience Coordinator for Context Partners, where he was Managing Director and Partner.

Stewart served on President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force and was Director of the Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Stewart is an Ocean Fellow for the Northeast Maritime Institute's Center for Ocean Policy and Economics, Steering Committee Member for the Ocean Sewage Alliance, Senior Advisor for the Global Island Partnership, member of the advisory committee for SeaAhead, member of the board of directors for Four Bands Community Fund, and rapporteur for the evaluation task force of SMILO, the Small Island Organization.

Stewart is the founder of Precovery Labs, where creativity and community drive impact and awareness for clients such as the Blue Economy Resilience Initiative, NDN Collective/NDN Fund, Opportunity Finance Network, Ocean Conservancy, Conservatoire d'littoral and the Intertribal Agriculture Council. He has taught as guest lecturer and adjunct professor for the International University of Catalunya and the Cheyenne River Tribal College/Si Tanka University.

Stewart has a long history of work with indigenous communities, particularly in the areas of community finance and economic sovereignty. He is also a professional storyteller and photographer. He studied global management, marketing, languages, sustainability, and environmental science.



**Brandon Fick**  
Chief Underwriting Officer  
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## Skills and experience

Brandon Fick is Zurich's Chief Underwriting Officer in North America. He is responsible for underwriting, risk selection, pricing, portfolio management, predictive analytics and the management of the product suite offered by Zurich in North America. He was named to his current position in 2018.

His previous roles at Zurich included Head of Casualty for North America Commercial Insurance, Head of Casualty for Global Corporate in North America and Senior Vice President of Casualty for Global Corporate's large corporate customer segment. He joined Zurich in 1999 as an Underwriting Manager and has held a variety of underwriting and management roles. Prior to joining Zurich, Fick held a variety of underwriting and management roles at AIG.

## External appointments

Fick serves on the board of directors for the National Council on Compensation Insurance. Founded in 1923, the NCCI's mission is to foster a healthy workers' compensation insurance system.

## Educational background

Fick holds a bachelor's degree in risk management and Insurance and a bachelor's degree in business law from Temple University in Philadelphia.

**Raghuveer Vinukollu, Ph.D**  
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Raghuveer Vinukollu is a Senior Vice President for Climate Resilience and Solutions at Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. based in Princeton, New Jersey. He is a member of the Strategic Products team and also a core member of the Nat Cat Solutions group focusing on development of innovative products designed to cover various natural catastrophe exposures, either through traditional reinsurance structures or private label approaches.

Raghuveer has a PhD in land surface hydrology and has often expressed his thoughts on the impact of flooding on personal property and local businesses. He is a passionate advocate for climate adaptation and resiliency with emphasis on the role of insurance and public private partnerships in building resilient communities. Raghuveer's expertise in Climate Resilience is reflected in the recent studies titled "[Re | imagining resilience in a post pandemic world](#)" and "[Nature's remedy: Improving flood resilience through community insurance and nature-based mitigation](#)", in which he was the main contributor.

Raghuveer is also one of the members of the State of California Climate Insurance Working Group and a board member of Helvetas USA (non-profit). He has also served on the Corporate Advisory Board for the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI).

