# Why We Have A Problem Thinking About The Unthinkable

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## Impaired Thinking

 "If I had predicted a year ago that Merrill Lynch and Citigroup would sink into the red and have to be bailed out by sovereign funds of the developing world, people would have wondered what I had been smoking" Lord Levene- Chairman Lloyds of London- 2008



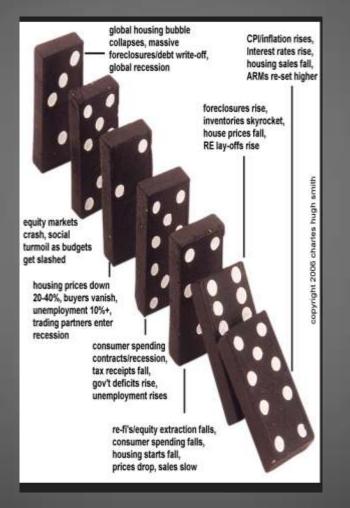
## We Have A Problem - Imagining

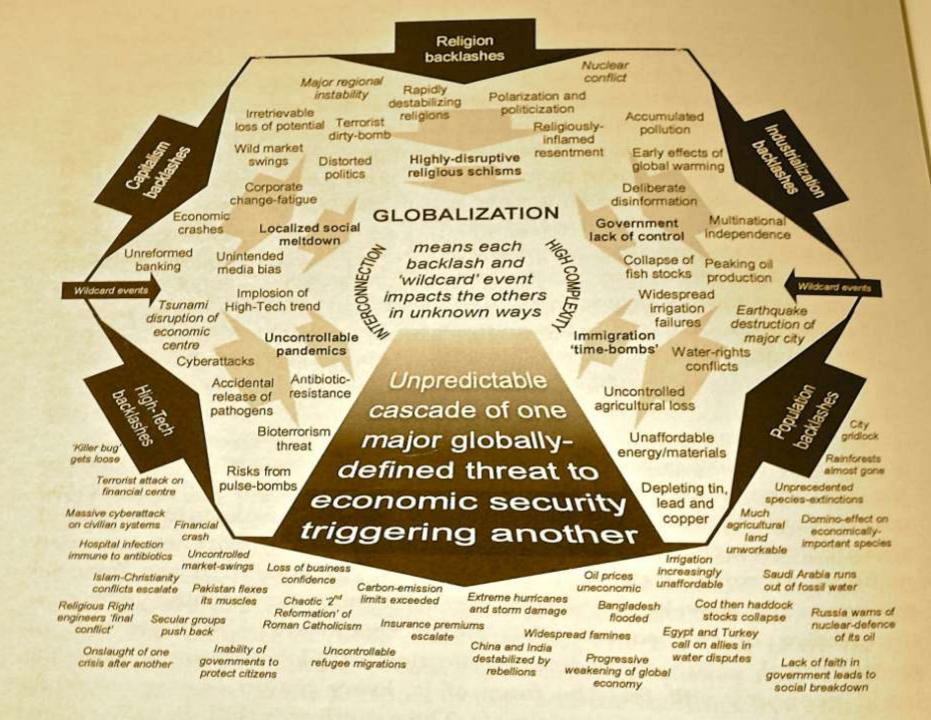


#### We Have A Problem With the Cascade



#### We Have A Problem Connecting





# WE HAVE A PROBLEM-In Our Overconfidence



#### We Have A Problem With – TOO BIG



#### We Have A Problem- With Too Little



#### We Have A Problem With Our Purpose

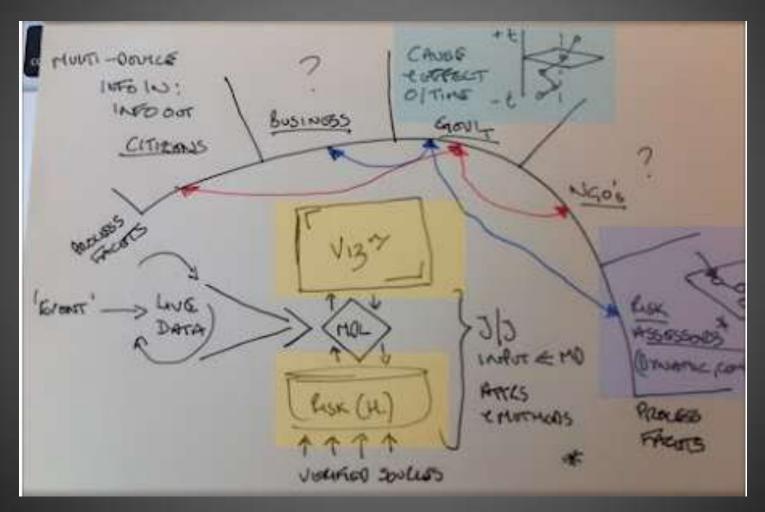


# But The Two Biggest Problems-The Wrong Tools

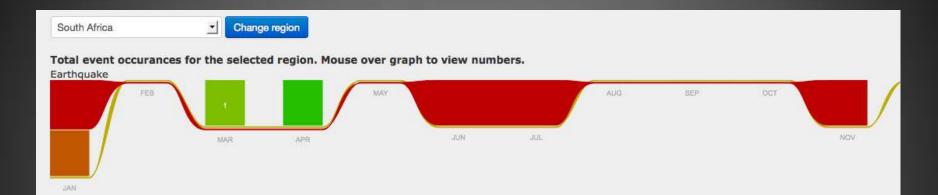
SEVERITY = (MAGNITUDE - MITIGATION)						
HUMAN IMPACT	PROPERTY IMPACT	BUSINESS IMPACT	PREPARED- NESS	INTERNAL RESPONSE	EXTERNAL RESPONSE	RISK
Possibility of death or injury	Physical losses and damages	Interuption of services	Preplanning	Time, effectivness, resouces	Community/ Mutual Aid staff and supplies	Relative threat*
0 = N/A 1 = Low 2 = Moderate 3 = High	0 = N/A 1 = Low 2 = Moderate 3 = High	0 = N/A 1 = Low 2 = Moderate 3 = High	t = High 2	0 = N/A 1 = High 2 = Moderate 3 = Low or none	0 = N/A 1 = High 2 = Moderate 3 = Low or none	0 - 100%
3	3	3	2	2	3	89%



# When We Need A Tool That Looks Like This



#### Create Tools- kisima.xchlive.org



Event Details

#### Southern Africa: Floods - Jan 2011

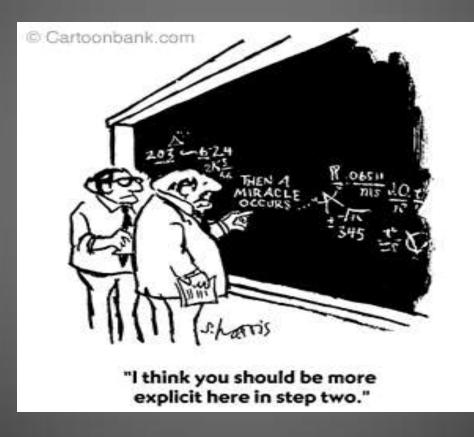
#### Show/Hide Impact Info

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# **Buckets That Influence Risk**

- Government Structure and Maturity (political)
- Religious/Cultural/Tribal Influences
- Health Care Maturity (trends, access to medicine)
- Business Infrastructure (regional, national)
- Access to Resources (financial, natural)
- Human/Livestock Footprint (population density)

#### And The Wrong Math



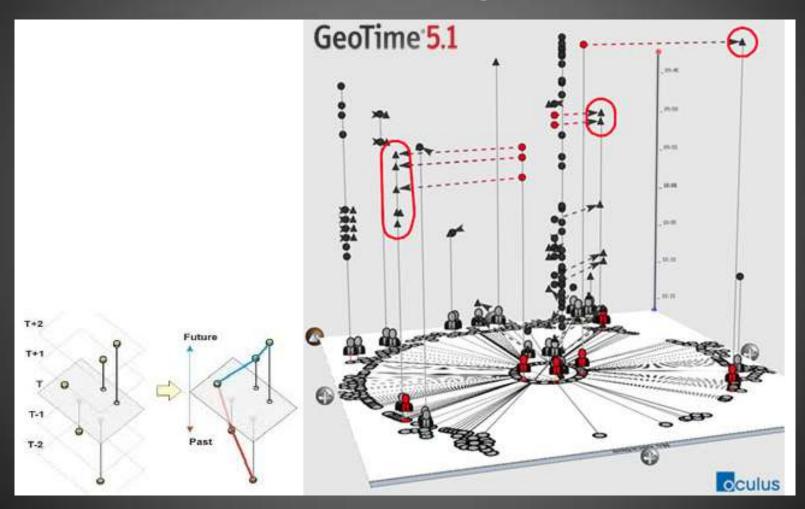
#### There Is No Average Event

- Start with the value of life (human and livestock)
- Add the immediate economic loss (business and government)
- Multiply by the value of on-going loss 2 years out
- Mitigate by the value of being prepared (economic value of rebuild and infrastructure improvement)
- Understand the range of events from best to worse

#### The Way Ahead- Must Be:

- Able to see interdependencies and event scale
- Backward and forward looking
- Spatial and Temporal
- User friendly
- Always on
- Able to help find the root causes of crisis

# The Right Models Create A New Thinking



#### THE CORE Of Assisted Thinking Risk Understood

EVAI To Build Metrics of Action

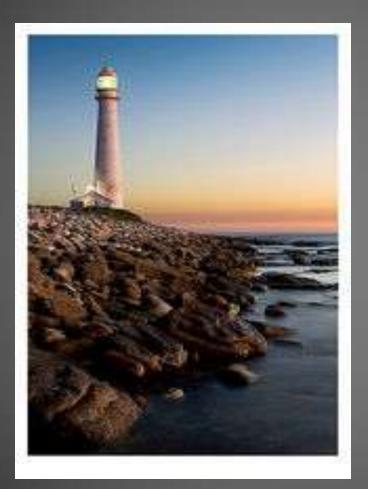
Designed to Build Trust Across Borders To Serve As A Model For Others

Through local and global collaboration

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Lead to a behavioral change

# Questions



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