Climate scientists issue stark warning over global heating threat:

The fires, floods and extreme weather seen around the world in recent months are just a foretaste of what can be expected
Building networks of resilient businesses to advocate for their own needs and the needs of their communities creates a resource that cities need in times of crisis.
Where would we be without businesses right now?

Covid-19
- Supply chains
- Personal protective equipment
- Medical equipment
- Banking, commerce & communications
- Internet service providers
- Delivery services

... But there’s more
- Weather services
- Environmental sensors & mobile Apps
- Renewable energy
- Disaster response products & services
- Insurance providers
We did not come to this awareness suddenly

The Business Continuity Plan Process

1. Establish the Crisis Management Team
   - Establish roles and responsibilities for a central team who will manage business continuity.

2. Define Scope and Objectives
   - Outline the company mission that the BCP is to, and the goals of the BCP.

3. Identify Critical Processes
   - Identify the business critical processes and activities for continued operation.

4. Identify Critical Resources
   - Identify the resources necessary to maintain critical processes and activities.

5. Determine Alternative Solutions
   - Outline alternative solutions for sourcing critical resources in case of a disruption.

6. Develop Action Plans
   - Create action plans in the event of key resources being unavailable.

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A few things we have learned

- Business resilience frameworks focus on assessment of vulnerabilities, preparation and recovery of core business operations following a disaster. Physical sites, materials, equipment, business infrastructure, and employees are their first concerns.
- Beyond the worksite, complex, globally connected supply chains and distribution networks are well-known business vulnerabilities.
- Businesses also suffer the burden of inappropriate urban planning and construction.
- While many businesses are impacted by disasters, others can provide products and services to reduce impacts on other businesses and their community.
- Business associations can also contribute to their communities through research, using their own information and information gathered from their networks.
Working with city government

- Most city resilience frameworks acknowledge the role of businesses
- City governments are more likely to focus on planning frameworks, design, engineering and infrastructure responses to perceived vulnerabilities in their resilience strategies than the types of issues that immediately concern businesses
- Government led approaches might focus on PPP in the financing, construction, and improvement of physical infrastructure systems
- Business of all scales have many other products and services to offer, insights in the causes and responses to disasters, and means of addressing them
- City official could benefit from collaboration with business councils and individual businesses in developing systems and strategies to address crises
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