

## **CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY**

The world's climate is changing. An increase in the severity and frequency of extreme weather is impacting daily life for the global community. Mounting evidence from the scientific community makes it increasingly clear that climate change is having a significant effect on the world's social and economic risks. The scientific evidence also strongly indicates that human behavior contributes to global warming.

With a fundamental role in assisting individuals and businesses to manage risk, it is prudent for the insurance industry to acknowledge the changing climate as well as the risks it poses to all areas of its business. Furthermore, policymaking and corporate risk management strategies should include consideration of measures for adaptation to, and mitigation of, the potential adverse impacts of climate change.

While current scientific evidence does not permit the insurance industry to determine the specific impacts of climate change in terms of the location, frequency or severity of insured perils, the RAA is committed to promoting awareness and understanding of the risks associated with climate change.

The RAA will work to identify ways in which the insurance sector can meaningfully utilize its risk management expertise to assist society in tackling the impacts of climate change.

RAA encourages efforts to mitigate human induced greenhouse gases and to adapt to climate change through risk reduction initiatives.

The RAA will also encourage each of its members to assess the impact of their business operations, to analyze their contribution to climate change and to evaluate emissions reductions measures.