

## **DRLA Director joins Global Resilience Partnership council**

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In an exciting development for the global community focused on building resilience, Tulane School of Social Work professor Regardt “Reggie” Ferreira, PhD, has been elected to join the [Advisory Council](#) of the [Global Resilience Partnership](#) (GRP). This appointment supports GRP’s ongoing efforts, which continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing resilience and sustainability worldwide.

### **A Respected Leader in Resilience and Disaster Management**

Dr. Ferreira is renowned for his extensive work in the fields of resilience, disaster management, and social work. Currently a Full Professor at Tulane School of Social Work, Dr. Ferreira has dedicated his career to understanding and improving the resilience of communities facing disasters, climate change, and other adversities. As Director of Tulane's Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy (DRLA), his research often intersects with issues of equitable resilience, emphasizing the need to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by climate and disasters.

## **The Role of the Global Resilience Partnership**

The Global Resilience Partnership is a collaboration of public and private organizations dedicated to advancing resilience through scaling innovation, sharing knowledge, and shaping policy. GRP focuses on the importance of investing in resilience, whilst simultaneously unleashing the innovative knowledge and potential of a diverse range of actors, especially those exposed to shocks and stresses, like climate change, natural disasters, and economic instability. By uniting diverse stakeholders, GRP aims to create a more resilient future through inclusive and sustainable development practices.

## **Dr. Ferreira's Vision for the Future**

In joining the Advisory Council, Dr. Ferreira brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will undoubtedly enhance GRP's mission. His background in social work and disaster resilience provides a unique perspective on the human aspects of resilience, emphasizing the importance of community engagement, mental health support, and equitable resource distribution.

"I am honored to join the Advisory Council of the Global Resilience Partnership," said Dr. Ferreira. "Building resilience is not just about infrastructure and economic systems; it's about people and communities. I look forward to contributing to GRP's efforts to create more inclusive and sustainable solutions for those most at risk."

## **Strengthening Global Resilience**

Dr. Ferreira's appointment is expected to bolster GRP's initiatives, particularly those focusing on the social dimensions of resilience. His expertise in community-based research and intervention strategies will be invaluable in designing programs that

address the root causes of vulnerability and promote long-term resilience.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Regardt 'Reggie' Ferreira to the Advisory Council of the Global Resilience Partnership. His extensive expertise in resilience, disaster management, and social work, combined with his commitment to supporting vulnerable communities, aligns perfectly with our mission," said Jesper Hörnberg GRP's CEO. "Dr. Ferreira's unique perspective on the social aspects of resilience will be invaluable as we continue to innovate and advocate for inclusive and sustainable solutions worldwide."

## **The Path Ahead**

As the world grapples with increasing challenges from climate change, pandemics, and socio-economic inequalities, the work of organizations like the GRP is more critical than ever. With leaders like Dr. Ferreira on board, the partnership is well-positioned to advance its mission of fostering a resilient, sustainable future for all.

Tulane School of Social Work believes Dr. Ferreira's addition to the Advisory Council of the Global Resilience Partnership is a promising development. His expertise and commitment to social resilience will undoubtedly strengthen the GRP's efforts to build a more equitable and resilient world. Communities in New Orleans and across the globe eagerly anticipate the positive impact of his contributions to this vital cause.

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Dr. Reggie Ferreira