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The International Risk Governance Council (IRGC) is an independent organisation based in Switzerland whose purpose is to help improve the understanding and governance of emerging, systemic global risks. It does this by identifying and drawing on scientific knowledge and the understanding of experts in the public and private sectors to develop fact-based recommendations on risk governance for policymakers.

IRGC believes that improvements in risk governance are essential if we are to develop policies that minimise risks and maximise public trust and effectiveness in the processes and structures of risk-related decision-making. A particular concern of IRGC is that important societal opportunities resulting from new technologies are not lost through inadequate risk governance.

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