

Invitation

THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**THEME: "URBAN RISK REDUCTION: BUILDING RESILIENT CITIES, ADDRESSING
URBAN DISASTER RISK"**

**WEDNESDAY 8 TO THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2010,
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 10:00
MENTORSKRAAL GUEST FARM AND CONFERENCE CENTRE,
JEFFREYS BAY, EASTERN CAPE**

The Annual Conference of the Institute is the biggest Disaster Management Conference in Africa, and routinely attracts more than 300 delegates. The Institute is recognized as the mouthpiece of the Disaster Management profession in Southern Africa and is recognized by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) as well as the United Nations' International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR).

The conference provides an annual opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders in disaster risk management from across Africa to gather and share skills, knowledge and experience.

Mentorskraal Guest Farm and Conference Centre is conveniently situated close to the N2 highway at the Jeffreys Bay off ramp and a mere 3km from Jeffreys Bay, the gateway to the Garden Route. At Mentorskraal, you can count on a combination of both worlds - the Eastern Cape Noorsveld and of course the sea - with spectacular sea views and star rated service.

Mentorskraal Guest Farm and Conference Centre is situated 70km west from Port Elizabeth Airport on the N2 (see attached map).

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Language: English

Important Dates: Last Day for Submission of Abstract: 1 July 2010 Last Day for Submission of Final paper: 15 August 2010

Specifications

✚ Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted to the Administrator

✚ Themes of the Papers:

The World Conference on Disaster Reduction and the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005 – 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

The World Conference on Disaster Reduction, which was held in Kobe, Japan, in 2005, heralded a major review of disasters and disaster reduction efforts. One of its main outcomes was the Hyogo Framework for Action – 2005-2015, with 5 priorities for action. See:

<http://unisdr.org/eng/hfa/hfa.htm>

Since 2006 bi-annual ISDR advocacy campaign themes were determined as per Priority for Action 3 of the HFA (Knowledge: use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels).

The campaign theme for 2010-2011 is: URBAN RISK REDUCTION: BUILDING RESILIENT CITIES, ADDRESSING URBAN DISASTER RISK. Cities and local governments need to get ready and become resilient to disasters. For the next two years and beyond, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) will campaign together with its partners for this to happen.

To read more about the Campaign, the Strategy Outline, the INCHEON DECLARATION as well the Ten Points Checklist for making cities resilient – go to <http://www.unisdr.org/english/campaigns/campaign2010-2011/>.

The themes of papers for this year's Conference should be in line with the ISDR campaign theme.

✚ Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper

✚ Abstracts should be submitted electronically via e-mail to karin@disaster.co.za.

ACCOMMODATION: Accommodation is provided in upmarket 3 and 4 star Guest Houses / B&B's as well as upmarket self catering facilities. Limited accommodation is also available at the Mentorskraal Guest Farm.

Accommodation reservations can be done through Ms Anzel Riekert from Hancke Properties (see attached accommodation form)

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Airport: PORT ELIZABETH AIRPORT (transport can be arranged through Anzel)

EXHIBITION SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE

Registration:

Registration fees, which include all teas as well as lunch on both days and evening functions on 7 September (meet and greet) and 8 September 2010, have been set at very reasonable rates as follows:

Members of DMISA : R 3 700-00 Non-members: R4 200-00

Late Registration Penalty : R 300-00 **Closing date for Registrations: 2 August 2010**

Please remember the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 10 September 2010 at 10:00

Should you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact our office between 08:00 and 13:00 (weekdays) and speak to our Administrator, Karin. Tel + 27 (0) 11 822-1634 or you can e-mail us at: karin@disaster.co.za Our fax number is + 27 (0) 11 822-3563. Postal address: PO Box 7130, Primrose Hill, 1417, South Africa.