



DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) CONFERENCE 2016
21 - 22 SEPTEMBER
ATKV Goudini Spa, Rawsonville / Worcester, Breede Valley Municipality, Cape Winelands
District, Western Cape Province, South Africa

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: *"Climate, Disaster Risk, Early Warning & Response: RE-EVALUATING RESILIENCE"*

BACKGROUND

The Annual DMISA Conference is the largest annual Disaster Management Conference in Africa and routinely attracts more than 350 delegates. The conference provides opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders in disaster management from across Africa to gather and share skills, knowledge and experience.

In 2016, the DMISA conference focuses on current disaster risk impacts and response as well national and international trends in disaster risk reduction and resilience.

Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 will have a specific focus on the future of resilience and risk governance in both urban and rural settings and re-evaluating current practice in measuring, developing, designing and evaluating resilience.

In step with the multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral nature of disaster risk reduction and resilience building, there are of course many specific topics that could be covered under the re-evaluating resilience banner, and DMISA would like to encourage innovate and forward-looking discourse that activates and encourages on a practical level.

Please visit our DMISA Website for more information on the Conference: www.disaster.co.za

INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts of proposed papers to the Conference Coordinating Committee for consideration for inclusion in the conference programme.

It would be appreciated if speakers could touch on some of the following topics in their papers:

- Re-evaluating resilience;
- Water scarcity and drought in Southern Africa;
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030;
- 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Paris Agreement emanating from COP 21;
- Legislative reviews (i.e. the SA Disaster Management Amendment Act);
- The increasing vulnerability of communities in the SADC region;
- Disaster risk assessment;
- Early warning;

- Mass events, social unrest and terrorism – questioning the relationships between risk management, disaster management, civil protection and emergency management;
- Disaster response management and recovery;
- Disaster risk reduction: Roles and responsibilities of those outside the disaster management profession;
- Effective disaster risk reduction advocacy, risk communication, public awareness and education;
- Linking project risk management, operational risk management, enterprise risk management, business continuity management and disaster risk management;
- The spatial representation of disaster risk, remote sensing and indoor mapping;
- Designing and equipping risk observatories, disaster management and emergency management operational centres;
- Disaster information management systems, tools and equipment;
- Training, education and professionalization – building technical capacity;
- Engaging the insurance industry in promoting resilience;
- Critical infrastructure protection and resilience connected to asset management;
- Resilient communities and sustainable development initiatives: Sustainable human settlements and reducing disaster risk in urban and rural settings;
- Systematic multi-hazard risk assessments and early warning systems, factoring in social and economic vulnerabilities;
- Integration of DRR into sustainable development policies and planning at national and international levels;
- Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Platforms and the exchange of information and knowledge among national stakeholders;
- The importance of religious and cultural traditions for resilience;
- Public investment strategies and funding models for DRR;
- Epidemics and pandemics; and
- Migration, refugees and humanitarian action.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Abstracts of no more than 300 words, should be submitted electronically to the Conference Coordinating Committee care of The Administrator at abstracts@disaster.co.za or karin@disaster.co.za.

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

Language: English.

Last day for submission of abstract: 30 June 2016.

Final notice of approval of abstracts: 13 July 2016

Deadline for submission of papers: 10 August 2016

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