

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS TAKEN AT THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

We, members of the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa, having attended the Annual DMISA Conference from 11-12 September 2013: *Building Resilience: Communities Getting Ready* and having gathered at the Annual General Meeting held on 13 September 2013 at the President Hotel, Bloemfontein:

Resolve as follows:

1. That DMISA notifies SALGA of the view raised by the Minister of COGTA during his keynote address regarding the status and importance of Disaster Management, and that SALGA takes up the view of the Minister that Disaster Management should be given higher prominence at the municipal level as Disaster Management is the bond that supports resilience of communities to disasters.
2. That DMISA encourages Mayors and Executive Mayors to give greater consideration to Disaster Management Budgeting.
3. That DMISA approaches the NDMC to consider hosting a workshop for Mayors and Executive Mayors on disaster management.
4. That DMISA encourages municipalities to improve the resilience of communities, especially those living in remote rural areas, by implementing more efficient early warning systems which effectively links national, provincial and municipal early warning dissemination.
5. That DMISA considers hosting or presenting a pre-conference DRR awareness campaign and to report on the outcome of the awareness campaign.
6. DMISA liaises with heads of disaster management institutions in every country in Africa to promote regional recognition and representation of the Institute.
7. That DMISA encourages a re-consideration of the way in which the sophistication / maturity of disaster management plans are measured as opposed to the measurement of the degree of implementation of disaster management legislation.
8. That DMISA investigates and reports on the value of the geo-Spatial Analysis Platform by CSIR for use in vulnerability mapping.
9. That DMISA works closely with the NDMC and the LGSETA to develop codes for the Organising Framework for Occupations.
10. That DMISA undertakes to encourage municipalities to adopt and continue supporting the UNISDR "Making Cities Resilient Campaign – My City is Getting Ready"

11. That DMISA encourages the NDMC to spearhead the development of a national drought plan for South Africa.
12. That DMISA encourages the NDMC to actively support research for the development of insurance products against drought and other calamities for rural poor farmers.
13. That DMISA encourages national, provincial and municipal disaster management practitioners to redouble efforts to implement hazard-specific contingency planning and risk reduction initiatives in close partnership with the lead agencies for such hazards (e.g. Learn not to burn preschool fire prevention programme; Food security programme; fire breaks; first aid training; cholera prevention and response).
14. That DMISA continues to support and participate in the development of national and international standards which support the implementation of disaster management.
15. That DMISA supports the development and implementation of a National Standardised Incident Management System with uniform methods and guidelines for responding to all incident types.
16. That DMISA continues and intensifies its efforts to become a professional body for disaster management in South Africa.
17. That DMISA continues to participate in all forums/fora where disaster management may be advanced to increase resilience and sustainability, reduce disaster risk through all means available, improve preparedness and improve response activities to disasters.