

INVITATION

THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THEME: "EVOLVING DISASTER RISK: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES" – WITH A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WEDNESDAY 14 TO THURSDAY 15 September 2011,

NH THE LORD CHARLES HOTEL, SOMERSET WEST, WESTERN CAPE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY 16 September 2011 AT 10:00

The Annual Conference of the Institute is the biggest Disaster Management Conference in Africa, and routinely attracts more than 350 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 management from across Africa to gather and share skills, knowledge and experience.

This year's conference is **hosted/co-hosted** by the **City of Cape Town**, the **Provincial Government of the Western Cape**, the **South African Weather Service** and the **Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA)**. Somerset West falls within the boundaries of the City of Cape Town.

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CALL FOR PAPERS: Language: English

Important Dates: Last Day for Submission of Abstract: 1 July 2011 Last Day for Submission of Final paper: 15 August 2011

Specifications : **THEME: "EVOLVING DISASTER RISK: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES" – WITH A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

✚ Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted to the Conference Coordinator – Ms Erika Swart: andrejvanr@mweb.co.za

✚ Themes of the Papers:

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 Ms Swart: andrejvanr@mweb.co.za

ACCOMMODATION: NH Lord Charles Hotel: (See attached reservation form)

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EXHIBITION SPACE IS AVAILABLE : Please contact the Conference Co-ordinator – Ms Erika Swart
: e-mail: andrejvanr@mweb.co.za or fax: 086 689 6078

Registration:

Registration fees, which include all teas as well as lunch on both days and evening functions on 13 September (meet and greet) and 14 September 2011, have been set at very reasonable rates as follows:

Members of DMISA : R 4 000-00 Non-members: R4 600-00

Late Registration Penalty : R 300-00 Closing date for Registrations: 5 August 2011

Please remember the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday, 16 September 2011, 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) 86 652 8066 or Website: www.disaster.co.za
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