

RESOLUTIONS TAKEN AT THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD RESPECTIVELY ON 12 TO 13 AND 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

We, the delegates, to the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA) Conference 2012 and we the members of the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa at our Annual General Meeting held at the Karibu Resort on 12 and 13 and 14 September 2012, respectively adopt the resolutions as set out below in support of furthering disaster management principals and practice and as members in support of the Constitution of the Institute.

We acknowledge that resolutions taken at the DMISA conference during 2011 were dealt with as follows:

- That DMISA submitted the conference resolutions to SALGA as well as the National Disaster Management Centre and held a number of meetings with various officials of both organisations in order to give effect to conference resolutions taken during 2011;
- That the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), together with the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) are currently developing a range of standards which may be implemented into disaster management response and risk reduction programmes;
- That DMISA is continuing with its bursary programme, now called the *Pat Reid Bursary Programme* for the purposes of capacity building and promoting research within the discipline.

We the delegates and members note:

- The progress made with the DMISA Conference resolutions taken during 2011, and
 - The development of the Disaster Management Amendment Bill which is expected for publication during November 2012.
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- We note with concern;
 - That there is as yet no standard which guides disaster risk assessments,
 - That standardization still remains a matter which is not taken seriously by disaster management officials and structures,
 - That various municipalities are not complying with the provisions of the Disaster Management Act,
 - That municipalities are still appointing persons into senior positions who are either not properly qualified and or who have insufficient experience to implement the disaster management legislative requirements.

We therefore, and in order to ensure legislative compliance of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and in support of Disaster Management legislation, resolve as follows:

- That DMISA encourages that a national campaign be implemented to propel the second phase of the UNISDR campaign to the benefit of municipalities and the people they serve;
- That DMISA develops and distributes a position paper on the work of the Disaster Management Advisory Forums;
- That DMISA advocates that disaster management is not an unfunded mandate and that the function of disaster management has a more important role to play in advancing the disaster safety of its constituents;
- That DMISA encourages disaster management role-players to provide best practice studies on their contribution towards disaster risk reduction at annual conferences;
- That DMISA approaches SALGA with a view to supporting and encouraging municipalities to send delegates to the DMISA Conference;
- That DMISA invites municipal managers, IDP officers, heads of municipal planning departments, traditional leaders and representatives of education departments to attend the next conference; and
- That DMISA undertakes a more aggressive marketing campaign to increase its footprint in South Africa and Southern Africa.