

# INVITATION

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

THEME: "BACK TO BASICS THROUGH RESILIENCE DESIGN AND INNOVATION: PURPOSE IN ACTION"

COEGA VULINDLELA ACCOMMODATION AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

PORT ELIZABETH : 27 AND 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

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. The Institute presents Conference 2017 in partnership with, the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) South Africa, the SA Weather Service (SAWS) and the UNISDR. 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 will be held in the region of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, South Africa.**

Port Elizabeth (PE) is not only home to stunning beaches, interesting museums and award-winning wildlife destinations, but also some of the friendliest people in the country. It's no surprise to visitors that it's called the "Friendly City".

It's one of the largest cities in South Africa, lying 770km east of Cape Town where it forms part of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, which links the city with the inland industrial towns of Uitenhage and Despatch. The beach, Algoa Bay, the coastal strip of Nelson Mandela Bay, is a 40km-stretch of beaches.

The Vulindlela Accommodation and Conference Centre – with accessible accommodation, conference and sports facilities, is your second home in the vibrant location of Nelson Mandela Metro.

Located off the N2 Highway and close to the pristine St George's beach, a tourism and recreation spot. Vulindlela offers a range of facilities and services for business and community;

- Accommodation
- Conference Centre
- Events
- Catering
- Sports grounds

Vulindlela is also within reach of the renowned Addo Elephant Park, game reserves as well as Port Elizabeth's beachfront and tourism attractions. One of the most peaceful, beautiful spots in Port Elizabeth for Weddings, Conferences, Events and Accommodation.

**Accommodation:** SEE ATTACHED LIST

**CALL FOR PAPERS:** For full details of the requirements for the submission of abstracts, please visit our website – [www.disaster.co.za](http://www.disaster.co.za) or e-mail: [abstracts@disaster.co.za](mailto:abstracts@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: 15 May 2017.

**EXHIBITION SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE:** Please direct enquiries to Pat Adams:

E-mail: [patadams@cybersmart.co.za](mailto:patadams@cybersmart.co.za) AND [pat.adams112233@gmail.com](mailto:pat.adams112233@gmail.com)

**REGISTRATION FEES** which include all teas as well as lunch on both days and evening functions on:

26 September (Meet and Greet) and 27 September 2017 (Gala Dinner) have been set at very reasonable rates as follows:

MEMBERS OF DMISA: R 6 700-00

NON-MEMBERS:

R 7 900-00

**LATE REGISTRATIONS** WILL BE SUBJECT TO A **PENALTY OF R500** PER DELEGATE

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS:

**31 August 2017**

**STUDENTS:** The first 10 fulltime Disaster Management students, who are members of DMISA and in good standing with their study institution and who make proper written application with supporting documentation, will qualify for a reduction in conference fees. (Fees for first ten students whose applications are received not later than 31 August 2017 will be R5 500.00 each)

Please remember the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday, 29 September 2017 at 09:00



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](mailto:karin@disaster.co.za)  
Our fax number is +27 (0) 86 652 8066 or Website: [www.disaster.co.za](http://www.disaster.co.za)