

# INVITATION

## DMISA CONFERENCE

### 19 AND 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

aha KOPANONG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE, BENONI, GAUTENG  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

*"MOBILISING FUTURE READY RESILIENCE SUSTAINABLY REDUCING DISASTER RISK AND DISASTER IMPACT, TODAY AND TOMORROW"*

The Annual Conference of the Institute is the biggest Disaster Management Conference in Africa and routinely attracts more than 300 delegates. The Institute is recognized as the mouthpiece of the Disaster Management profession in Southern Africa. Proudly presented by the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA), co-hosted with the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality and supported by the South African National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), the SA Weather Service and the Gauteng Provincial Disaster Management Centre. 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 at the aha Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre, Benoni, in the region of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng, South Africa.**

Ekurhuleni, formerly known as the East Rand, is an area comprising amazing wetlands, lakes, glitzy casinos, mega shopping malls, quiet nature reserves, lively townships and historical towns. It's also home to South Africa's biggest, busiest airport, OR Tambo International Airport, named after Nelson Mandela's colleague, friend and liberation hero, Oliver Tambo. The airport, jam-packed with great shopping, dining, accommodation and conferencing facilities, has direct non-stop flights to six continents.

aha Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre holds a unique position in comparison to other hotels and conference venues in Johannesburg, as it is situated just outside the city, offering guests countryside sights and a quiet atmosphere that captures the spirit of Africa. You are also able to easily access nearby attractions in the surrounding areas. To add to the natural aesthetic and harmonious atmosphere of Kopanong, the talented chefs who run, create and curate the fine dining at the Moshate Restaurant offer guests freshly prepared cuisine. We are proud to say the quality of our dining is one of the many things that distinguishes us from other Johannesburg accommodation and conferencing options. After years of crafting our offering, Kopanong is recognised for leading the standard of Gauteng conference venues and renowned for successfully facilitating all kinds of memorable events. The services that add to our reputation include pre-arranged shuttle services, room service from 06h30 – 22h30, and Wi-Fi.

Besides inviting guests to feel at home in our establishment with its elegant countryside facilities and fantastic accommodation options, Kopanong encourages you to visit nearby Johannesburg attractions such as Emperors Palace Casino, Carnival City Casino, Soweto Tours, Lesedi, Constitution Hill, Origins Centre, Maropeng Visitor Centre, the Sterkfontein Caves and the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site.

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: 21 May 2018.

EXHIBITION SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE:

Please direct enquiries to Pat Adams:

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

19 September (Meet and Greet) and 20 September 2018 (Gala Dinner) have been set at very reasonable rates as follows:

MEMBERS OF DMISA: R 7 000-00  
NON-MEMBERS: R 8 300-00

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT: 31 AUGUST 2018**  
LATE REGISTRATIONS, **IF ACCEPTED**, WILL BE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF R 1 000 PER DELEGATE

**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 2018 : R5 900.00 each)*



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)  
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Please remember the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday, 21 September 2018 at 09:30