



DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) CONFERENCE 2024
21 – 22 November 2024
City of Cape Town Council Chambers, Cape Town, Western Cape Province, South Africa

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: “CONNECTED CAPABILITY FOR FUTURE RESILIENCE”

BACKGROUND

The Annual DMISA Conference is the largest annual Disaster Management Conference in Southern Africa. The conference provides opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders in disaster management from across Africa and the world to gather and share skills, knowledge and experience in order to promote disaster risk reduction in Southern Africa and beyond.

DMISA is the non-profit professional association and community of practice for Disaster Management in Southern Africa and the SAQA recognised professional body for Disaster Management in South Africa.

The annual conference attracts practitioners and academics from disaster risk and response management and many related disciplines in public service, the NGO as well as the private sector. Disaster Risk Reduction 2024 will provide opportunity for considering past and future manifestations of disaster risk in Southern Africa and internationally, and to build enlightened consensus towards active disaster risk reduction, resilience and risk governance in both urban and rural settings.

The theme of DMISA DRRC 2024 is “CONNECTED CAPABILITY FOR FUTURE RESILIENCE”.

INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

DMISA is calling for papers from interested individuals that will align with the theme of the conference and the latest developments in the theory and practice of disaster reduction while providing valuable information to the conference audience consisting mostly of practitioners and decision-makers in disaster risk and response management.

In step with the multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral nature of disaster risk reduction and resilience building, there are of course many specific topics that could be covered under the “Connected capability for future resilience” banner, and DMISA would like to encourage innovate and forward-looking discourse that activates and encourages on a practical level.

Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts of proposed papers to the Conference Coordinating Committee for consideration for inclusion in the conference programme.

Speakers could touch on some of the following topics in their papers:

- Assessing capability for understanding disaster risk and disaster risk reduction;
- Building capability for climate change mitigation, adaptation and response;

- Connected disaster preparedness and response capability;
- Sustainable development;
- Risk, resilience and capability;
- Connecting technology capability with disaster reduction;
- Humanitarian relief solutions at local level during emergencies and disasters;
- Critical infrastructure protection;
- Volunteerism in disaster reduction;
- Disaster risk reduction through responsible tourism;
- Incident management capability;
- Building capability in disaster risk management;
- Supporting resilient economy and social development;
- Combating violent extremism to ensure economic viability;
- Emergency planning in the hospitality and events industry;
- Business continuity and business resilience for commerce and industry to safeguard employment and trading opportunities;
- The influence of arts and culture education in protecting and empowering youth for a disaster-free future;
- Climate change turning points and heat exhaustion;
- Institutional capability – the process to review the national disaster management system for South Africa.

Connecting local and international. Speakers can also consider presenting a paper connecting to the goal of the Sendai Framework of reducing global disaster risks and losses, and the theme of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2024, which falls on 13 October, which will be on the role of education in protecting and empowering youth for a disaster-free future. Alternatively or supplementary, the theme and focus areas of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction that will be held in 2025, can also be addressed: Managing current and future risks and uncertainties in a rapidly changing climate and global context; Prioritizing gender equality, accessibility and inclusion to leave no one behind; and accelerating action for our collective sustainable future.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Abstracts of no more than 300 words, should be submitted electronically to the Conference Coordinating Committee at 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: 2 Sep 2024

Final notice of approval of abstracts: 23 Sep 2024

Deadline for submission of papers: 28 Oct 2024

To include CV, Abbreviated CV, Resolutions, Presentation

Please visit our DMISA Website for more information on the Conference: www.disaster.co.za

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