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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION

NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE - SOUTH AFRICA -

13-14 OCTOBER 2026

ANEW Resort White River, Mbombela

GLOBAL THEME: "RESILIENCE STARTS AT HOME: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES THROUGH INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE ACTION"

PROGRAMME

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Theme: "Every Municipality must work"

Cooperative Governance
Traditional Affairs

co-operative governance, human settlements & traditional affairs
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2030 NDP

DAY 1 PROGRAMME

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

"Resilience Starts at Home: Building Resilient Communities Through Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Action".

Date: Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Time: 08:00-16:30

ANEW HOTEL, WHITE RIVER, MBOMBELA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

07:30-08:30 Registration and Networking			
SESSION 1	**PROGRAMME DIRECTORS DR NTIWANE AND Ms LEBOGANG MOSOTHO**		
1.1.	08:30-08:45	National Anthem	(ICT) All
1.2.	08:45-08:50	SAFETY PROTOCOLS	Venue Safety Officer
1.3.	08:50-09:10	Welcome Remarks	Mr W Khumalo: Municipal Manager City of Mbombela
1.4.	09:10-09:20	Acknowledgement of Guests	Ms Linkie Mohlala, DDG Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs
1.5.	09:20-09:40	Resilience starts at home: National perspective	Dr BE Sithole: Head of Centre National Disaster Management Centre
1.6.	09:40-10:00	Local Solutions to Local Risks: A Community-Led Approach to Building Resilience	Mr Mbuso Siwela Bambanani Green Solutions
1.7.	10:00-10:30	Keynote address	Mr M Tshangana: Director General Department of Cooperative Governance
10:30-11:00		**TEA BREAK AND VIEWING OF THE EXHIBITIONS**	

SESSION 2: PANEL DISCUSSIONS

PANEL 1: Understanding Risk and Building Community Ownership

MODERATOR: Prof Nelson Madonsela- University of Johannesburg

2.1.	11:00-11:15	Context Setting and Panel Introduction	Prof Madonsela: Moderator
2.2.	11:15-11:30	Understanding the Determinants of Smallholder Farmers' Adaptive Behaviour to Strengthen Climate Resilience	Dr Nosisa Zaca: Research Specialist Human Science Research Council (HSRC)
2.3.	11:30-11:45	Nature-based Solutions and/or Ecosystem-based Adaptation and locally led climate adaptation for resilient communities.	Ms Tshifhiwa Munyai: Deputy Director- Biodiversity and Climate Change Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) (online)
2.4.	11:45-12:00	Harnessing Indigenous and Local Knowledge for Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction	Mr Sam Khandlhela: Director-Program Support National House of Traditional and Khoisan Leadership (NHTKL)
2.5.	12:00-12:15	From Risk Knowledge to Community Action: A Municipal Approach to Building Resilient Communities	Mr Dumisani Mahlangu: Municipal Manager Thembisile Hani Municipality
2.6.	12:15-12:30	Putting Communities at the Centre: The Role of Local Government in Understanding and Reducing Disaster Risk	Ms Dora Marema: Portfolio Head-Municipal Sustainability South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
2.7.	12:30-12:45	Q & A session	All

12:45-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3 PANEL DISCUSSIONS

PANEL 2: Strengthening people-centred early warning systems and community preparedness to save lives and protect livelihoods.

MODERATOR: Ms HC Jama, Head of Eastern Cape Provincial Disaster Management Centre

3.1.	13:30-13:45	From Warning to Action: Making Early Warnings Clear, Accessible and Actionable	Mr Rudzani Malala: Senior Manager-Disaster Risk Reduction South African Weather Service (SAWS)
3.2.	13:45-14:00	Reaching Every Household: The Role of Mobile Networks in Strengthening Early Warning and Community Preparedness	Mr Monde Ngcukana: Managing Executive Vodacom Mpumalanga
3.3.	14:00-14:15	From Space to Community: Using Geospatial Information to Strengthen Early Warning and Preparedness	Mr Morwapula Mashalane: Space Education Specialist South African National Space Agency (SANSA)
3.4.	14:15-14:30	Lessons from the Region: Strengthening Early Warning and Early Action for Resilient Communities	Ms Tawonga Dalikeni: PMER and Anticipatory Action Officer International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
3.5.	14:30-15:00	Q & A session	All

SESSION 4 PANEL DISCUSSIONS

PANEL 3: Financing Resilience and Investing in Prevention

MODERATOR: Ms PUMEZA TYALI

4.1.	15:00-15:15	From Response to Resilience: Rethinking How We Finance Disaster Risk Reduction	Mr Jurgens Dyssel: Chief Director: Policy, Institutional Development & Compliance Management National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC)
4.2.	15:15-15:30	Financing Resilience: Strengthening South Africa's Investment in Prevention, Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction	Mr Chaka Moloto- Director: Management Accounting (Budgeting) Department of Co-operative Governance
4.3.	15:30-15:45	Resilience Starts at Home: Integrating Risk Reduction into Human Settlements Planning	Mr Doctor Nkosi: Chief Director, Human Settlements Planning, Policy and Research Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mpumalanga
4.4.	15:45-16:00	Building Resilience at Home: Making Insurance Accessible to Ordinary Households	Dr Moses Khangale: Manager- Stakeholder Programmes, SANTAM
4.5.	16:00-16:15	Q & A session	All

SESSION 5: CLOSURE

PROGRAM DIRECTOR MS LEBOGANG MOSOTHO

5.1.	16:15-16:30	Day 1 summary and Closing Remarks	Mr Dechlan Pillay: Chief Director- Disaster Risk Reduction and Capacity Development National Disaster Management Centre
5.2.	16:30	Closure	Programme Director

DAY 2 PROGRAMME

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Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Time: 08:00-16:00

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SESSION 1		**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: HOD COGHSTA/PDMC/NDMC HEAD**	
1.1.	08:00-08:15	Arrival and briefing of political principals and guests at the Mpumalanga International Food Market (project 1)	Cllr EIT Shabangu: Executive Mayor Ehlanzeni (welcoming) Mr CM Chunda: HOD COGHSTA (briefing)
1.2.	08:15-09:00	Guided tour of the facility	Mr CM Chunda: HOD COGHSTA/DARDLEA
1.3.	09:00-09:30	Convoy to the second project (Karino to Tekwane South bridge)	All
1.4.	09:30-10:00	Guided tour and interactions at the Tekwane bridge site	Mr Wiseman Khumalo, Municipal Manager City of Mbombela
1.5.	10:00-10:30	Media interactions	Communications Team
1.6.	10:30-10:45	Travel to main venue	All
1.7.	10:45-11:00	Arrival/Briefing/tea	Protocol officers

SESSION 2:

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DEPUTY MINISTER: PRINCE ZOLILE BURNS-NCAMASHE

2.1.	11:00-11:15	National Anthem	All (ICT)
2.2.	11:15-11:30	Welcome remarks	Hon. Speed Katishi Mashilo: MEC Mpumalanga COGHSTA
2.3.	11:30-11:40	Acknowledgement of guests	Cllr Sibongile Makushe: Executive Mayor City of Mbombela
2.4.	11:40-11:50	Message of support	Inkosi Khulile Nomvula Mkhatshwa: Executive Committee, National House of Traditional and Khoisan Leadership
2.5.	11:50-12:00	Message of support	Kgoshi Lameck Mathupa Mokoena: Mpumalanga Provincial Chairperson House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership and President, CONTRALESA
2.6.	12:00-12:30	Keynote address	Hon. Velenkosini Hlabisa: Minister Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
LUNCH BREAK AND VIEWING OF THE EXHIBITIONS (12:30-13:30)			

SESSION 3 PANEL DISCUSSIONS

		PANEL 1: Financing and Investing in Resilience	
		MODERATOR: Dr Nsizwazonke Yende, University of Mpumalanga	
3.1.	13:30-13:45	South Africa faces increasing disaster risks while public resources remain constrained. How can government strengthen the financing of disaster risk reduction by ensuring that prevention, preparedness and resilience are prioritised in public planning and budgeting, rather than continuing to carry the higher costs of responding to disasters after they occur?	Kenetswe Mosenogi: MEC North West Provincial Treasury
3.2.	13:45-14:00	What should be done to encourage and enable households to invest in safer, more resilient homes and practical measures to reduce disaster risk?	Cllr Busisiwe Khanye: Executive Mayor Dipaleseng Municipality
3.3.	14:00-14:15	Insurance plays an important role in helping households recover from disasters, yet many vulnerable and low-income communities remain uninsured or underinsured. What can the insurance sector do differently to make disaster risk insurance more affordable, accessible and relevant to ordinary households, while also encouraging them to invest in measures that reduce their risk?	Ms Cheryl Cornelssen: Head of CSI Operations Old Mutual
3.4.	14:15-14:30	Q & A session	All

SESSION 4: PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panel 2: Risk-Informed Planning and Safer Communities

MODERATOR: MR JURGENS DYSSEL

4.1.	14:30-14:45	Setting the Scene: Preventing Settlement Encroachment on Critical Infrastructure Servitudes	Ms Anthea Dennis: Vice President, Sasol Pipelines Operation Support. SASOL

4.2.	14:45-15:00	Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction across government is progressing slowly. How can existing planning, coordination and performance monitoring mechanisms be used more effectively to accelerate integration and strengthen accountability?	Ms Sue Bannister: Commissioner National Planning Commission
4.3.	15:00-15:15	As government works to address the housing backlog and provide adequate shelter, how can we ensure that the urgency to deliver houses does not compromise disaster risk considerations, particularly in communities exposed to floods, fires and other hazards?	Hon. Thembi Simelane: Minister Department of Human Settlements
4.4.	15:15-15:30	Municipalities are closest to communities and are responsible for planning, infrastructure, and service delivery decisions that shape disaster risks. What support, policy changes and practical mechanisms are needed to enable municipalities to move from responding to disasters to systematically investing in prevention and resilience?	Cllr Bheki Stofile: Chairperson South African Local Government Association
		SESSION 5: CLOSURE **PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Deputy Minister- Prince Zolile Burns-Ncamashe**	
5.1.	15:30-15:45	Day 2 summary and Closing Remarks	Dr Dickson Masemola: Deputy Minister Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
5.2.	15:45	Closure	Programme Director