



First call
for Papers



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CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR DISASTER STUDIES

10-12 OCTOBER 2012

NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY POTCHEFSTROOM, SOUTH AFRICA

Uniting Theory and Practice in Southern Africa

Conference Themes

Academic and research papers, practitioner reports/ field observations as well as Ph.D. research papers (based on a current Ph.D. title) will be presented. To facilitate a broad disaster risk reduction focus, the papers will cover the following themes:

- *Governance of disaster risk reduction;*
- *Urban dimensions of risk;*
- *Water as disaster risk;*
- *Disaster risk and gender issues;*
- *Climate change adaptation;*
- *Geo-spatial applications for disaster risk reduction;*
- *Risk assessment and early warning;*
- *New humanitarian challenges; and*
- *Disaster response and recovery.*

Launch of the new Southern Africa Society for Disaster Reduction (SASDiR)

SASDiR as a community of practice will be officially launched at the conference. Everyone who registers for the conference will receive free membership to SASDiR for 2012-2013.

Important Dates

30 March 2012
Deadline for the submission of abstracts

30 April 2012
Notification of acceptance of abstract

31 May 2012
Final date for early bird registrations

29 June 2012
Submission of full-length papers

31 July 2012
Peer review of papers complete

31 August 2012
Final submission of corrected full-length papers

15 September 2012
Final date of registration

An Opportunity for Regional Networking Among Academics and Practitioners

The African Centre for Disaster Studies at North-West University would like to welcome disaster reduction academics, researchers, practitioners and post-graduate students to the first biennial disaster risk reduction conference of the Southern Africa Society for Disaster Reduction.

The conference will take place from 10-12 October 2012 in the beautiful student town of Potchefstroom, North-West Province in South Africa.

Although the conference has a regional flavour, participants from all regions of the globe are welcome to present papers and/or attend the conference. The conference will be an ideal opportunity for international networking and the sharing of ideas, best practices and leading research in the field of disaster reduction.

Aim of the Conference

The aim of the conference is three fold.

1. The ACDS will be turning 10 years in 2012 and this 1st International Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held to celebrate the 10 years.
2. The aim of the conference is to provide a platform for the presentation, discussion and debate of different academics and professional approaches and research on disaster risk reduction issues.
3. The ACDS plans to establish and launch a disaster risk reduction society for the Southern Africa (SADC region) during the conference. The aim of the society is to bring together practitioners/NGOs in the various fields of DRR and the academic/research domain and to provide a platform to share knowledge and good practices, engage in mentorships and internships, influence policy and advocacy in the SADC region.

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Abstracts

Abstracts can be submitted online (<http://acds.co.za/index.php?page=call-for-papers>) before **30 March 2012**.

Abstracts should contain the following:

- Rationale of the research
- Method of investigation
- Main findings
- Conclusions or recommendations

Abstracts should be limited to 350 words. Abstracts accepted for full paper submission will be communicated to the authors by **30 April 2012**. Successful authors (or one of the authors) will be required to register and attend the conference. Guidelines for the submission of full papers will accompany the notification. All papers will be double-blind peer reviewed by selected international experts. Successful papers will be published in a special edition of the journal Jambá: Journal of Disaster Risk Studies.

**Visit our website for online submission of
abstracts and registration.**

<http://www.acds.co.za/index.php?pages=conf2012>

Contact Detail

Any queries can be directed to:

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- Accommodation, costs & travel: Suna Meyer, Financial Administrator, suna.meyer@nwu.ac.za
- Southern African Society for Disaster Reduction (SASDIR): Prof. Dewald van Niekerk, Director: ACDS. dewald.vanniekerk@nwu.ac.za

Cost of the Conference

Early Bird Registration: ZAR3500.00 (US\$450.00) - all inclusive package.

Late registrations (after 31 May 2012): ZAR3950.00 (US\$510.00) - all inclusive package.

Day 1 only: ZAR1500.00 (US\$185.00) - includes cocktail function (add ZAR100.00/US\$15.00 for accompanying partner).

Day 2 only: ZAR1500.00 (US\$185.00) - includes gala dinner (add ZAR250.00/US\$30.00 for accompanying partner).

Day 3 only: ZAR1500.00 (US\$185.00).

Additional guests - Cocktail function on day 1: ZAR100.00/US\$15.00.

Additional guests - Gala dinner on day 2: ZAR250.00/US\$30.00.

Students: ZAR800.00 (US\$100.00) (first 50 to register)