

Rhodes University, Makhanda, South Africa, in collaboration with The International Emergency Management Society, Stenden South Africa and the South African Department of Rural Development and Land Reform invite you to participate in

The 1st Eastern Cape workshop on Ethics in Disaster Situations

to take place at

**Rhodes University in Makhanda, Eastern Cape, South Africa
From 20th until 21st September 2019.**



Background to the workshop

The number of disasters have been on the rise around the world in recent decades. In addition, the impacts and perturbations that disasters cause to the normal functioning of the social and ecological systems have been increasing in complexity and scope. The increased incidence of disaster events and their related outcomes have resulted in the shift of the focus from the response and recovery of the disaster management cycle, to the preparedness and mitigation phases of the same cycle in the practice of disaster management. Policy frameworks, systems of disaster (risk) management and the execution of all four stages of the disaster management cycle are still highly relevant, but the scope of practice of the disaster management practitioners

has been broadened and become more complicated. The community of stakeholders, that are pertinent to the execution of the four stages of the disaster management cycle, has also expanded substantially. Governmental and non-governmental stakeholders play an important role in the disaster risk management and reduction.

Positionality of disaster (risk) management practitioners has shifted and created new challenges for their professional conduct, interactions with vulnerable and disaster-prone/disaster-impacted communities and in navigating the landscape of practice in dealing with complex/Natech disaster, to name but a few examples. This ever-increasing complexity and nature of the profession has raised the requirement of the disaster management practitioners to adapt to new situations and to manage challenging landscapes of competing interests. This has and continues to result in new ethical challenges that disaster (risk) management practitioners must resolve and deal with in the day-to-day execution of their profession. Therefore the aim of the workshop is to provide a platform for disaster (risk) management practitioners to come together and discuss ethical challenges of their profession, to allow academics to engage with practitioners on the practical implication of the latest research findings in South Africa and Africa at large that have ethical implications.

The organising committee of the 1st Eastern Cape workshop on Ethics in Disaster Situations invites submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations on the following topics:

- Role of disaster and societal challenges in Africa
- Ethical issues related to natural resource management in Africa
- Ethical issues and challenges in land management in Africa
- Ethical issues and challenges in disaster vulnerability
- Role of international organisations in setting standards of ethical conduct in emergency and disaster (risk) management
- Crisis management and professional ethics in public health
- Gender mainstreaming in disaster (risk) management
- Ethics and food security in Africa
- Ethics and development planning in Africa

Organizing committee

K. Harald Drager (President of the International Emergency Management Society, Brussels, Belgium)

Associate Professor Roman Tandlich, PhD (Faculty of Pharmacy, Rhodes University, South Africa and the Regional Director for Africa of the International Emergency Management Society; the primary contact person for all workshop-related queries)

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Deadlines and important dates

Call for abstracts issued	13 th June 2019
Last day for the submission of abstracts	05 th July 2019
Acceptance or rejection of abstracts communicated to the applicants	20 th July 2019
Deadline for registration	31 st August 2019
Workshop	20 th September 2019
Excursion to disaster management facilities around the Eastern Cape	21 st September 2019

Guidelines for abstract submission and formatting

All abstracts should be submitted via email to roman.tandlich@gmail.com or tiemsafrica@gmail.com.

All abstracts must be submitted as a single file in Ms Word format (2007 or later) and single spacing should be used throughout the abstract file.

Title of the abstract should clearly define the topic of the abstract and should be centred on top of the page in Times New Roman font size 14 and in bold capital letters.

One empty line in Times New Roman font size 12 should follow the title.

Affiliations of the authors should be listed next in the text of the abstract in Times New Roman font size 10 and the text of the authors' affiliations should be justified.

Body of text of the abstract should follow next in Times New Roman font size 12 and justified. The length of the abstract should not exceed 300 words.

The body of the abstract should be followed by 3-5 keywords that capture the topic and the content of the abstract.

Registration

No registration fee will apply for participating by authors/presenters of accepted abstracts. All participants will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses, as well as their own accommodation arrangements and expenses. Each presenter will be provided with an electronic copy of the book of abstracts. Refreshments and light lunches will be provided during the workshop to all participants. Space is limited and more details about the registration procedure to follow soon.