

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

Strengthening disaster preparedness and resilience through solidarity and global cooperation.

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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION WORKING GROUP MEETING



The Director-General of the Department of Cooperative Governance, Mr Mbulelo Tshangana, today chaired the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting happening in eThekweni at the Chief Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC). Participating in this historic meeting were His Lordship Mayor, Cllr. Cyril Xaba of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality accompanied by Deputy Mayor, Ms Zandile Myeni. Welcoming delegates Cllr. Xaba underscored the importance of early warning systems for all, to mitigate the impact of disasters on communities. Director-General of the Department of Traditional Affairs, Mr Maswahle Diphofa is also partaking in the session.

The eThekweni Metro has endured some of the most devastating disaster phenomena recently, compounded by the changes in global weather patterns. Owing to this the Metro presents an opportune platform for member states and stakeholders to deliberate on Priority 1: Addressing Inequalities and Reducing Vulnerabilities. Presentations covering the compendium of risk transfer solutions that can support most at risk communities to access much-needed cash liquidity quickly in both pre- and post-disaster scenarios informed the rich discussions.



Another topic of interest anchored on Priority 2: Global Coverage of Early Warning Systems, was informed by an input paper on the progress, barriers, and enabling mechanisms to deliver Cellular Broadcasting as a scalable solution for last mile delivery of Early Warning.

