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PROGRAMME

2026 DISASTER MANAGEMENT RESEARCH SEMINAR

THEME

Women in Disaster Risk Reduction: Advancing Research,
Innovation and Resilience for Sustainable Communities



Date: Thursday,
6 August 2026



Venue: Premier
Hotel, Thohoyandou



Time:
08:00–16:00



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	TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR
	07:30 –08:30	Program Registration and Networking	
SESSION 1: PROGRAMME DIRECTOR MS LBOGANG MOSOTHO DMISA NATIONAL PRESIDENT			
	08:30 –08:40	National Anthem	(ICT) All
1.1.	08:40 –08:45	SAFETY PROTOCOLS	Venue Safety Officer
	08:45 –09:00	Welcome Remarks	Prof. F. Netswera Acting Vice Chancellor and Principal, UNIVEN
1.2.	09:00 –09:10	Acknowledgment of Guests	Ms. M. Chuma Chief Director, Democratic Governance & Disaster Management; Limpopo PDMC
1.3.	09:10 –09:20	Remarks by Limpopo PDMC	Dr TD Makananisa Limpopo Head of Provincial Disaster Management Centre
1.4.	09:20 –09:30	Overview of the National Disaster Management Research Agenda	Ms. C Nonjola Director: Education, Training, Awareness and Research–NDMC
1.5.	09:30 –09:45	Keynote Presentation: Lived Experiences of Women in Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience	Ms. P. Ramugondo Thulamela–Makhado, Adopt a River Organisation
1.6.	09:45 –10:10	Keynote address	Dr BE Sithole Head– National Disaster Management Centre
1.7.	10:10 –10:15	Ceremonial signing of the MOU	Dr BE Sithole and Prof. F. Netswera
1.8.	10:15 –10:30	TEA BREAK AND VIEWING OF THE EXHIBITIONS	

SESSION 2:

PRESENTATIONS: PROGRAMME DIRECTOR MS LBOGANG MOSOTHO DMISA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

2.1.	10:30 –10:45	The Impact of Fire and Flood Rescue Kits on Evacuation Preparedness Among Persons with Disabilities in KwaZulu-Natal	Ms S Moorosi DUT
2.2.	10:45 –11:00	Gender-Based Violence and Femicide as a National Disaster: Implications for Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness, and Community Resilience	Ms. M. Macheli NDMC
2.3.	11:00 –11:15	Evaluating Flood Response Actions in Thulamela Local Municipality, South Africa	Ms. H Mukhwathi UNIVEN Student
2.4	11:15 –11:30	Socially Differentiated Impacts of Disasters: Centring Women and Children in Resilience	Dr. E. Mugari University of Limpopo
2.5.	11:30 –11:45	Agricultural drought characteristics: Karoo, South Africa	Dr. T. Masupha Agricultural Research Council
2.6.	11:45 –12:00	PALM-TREES – Pan-African and transdisciplinary lens on the margins: Tackling the risks of extreme events.	Dr. P. Sabela-Rikhotso UCT
2.7.	12:00 –12:15	Determining Spatiotemporal Drought Trends, Livelihood Impacts and Associated Coping Strategies in Musina Local Municipality, Limpopo Province, South Africa.	Dr. RB Munyai UNIVEN
2.8.	12:15 –12:30	Impacts Of Climate Variability on Surface Water Resources in Thulamela Municipality, Limpopo Province, South Africa.	Ms. M Mavhaga UNIVEN
2.9.	12:30 –12:45	Potential Flood-prone Area Identification and Mapping: Flood Vulnerability Assessment of Thulamela Local Municipality, Vhembe District, South Africa.	Ms. TG Khumbelo UNIVEN
2.10.	12:45 –13:00	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	ALL
2.11.	13:00 –13:45	LUNCH BREAK	

SESSION 3

MODERATOR Ms. P Tyali (NDMC) PANEL DISCUSSION 1

3.1.	13:45 –14:15	Examining the role of women in disaster risk governance, policy formulation, leadership, and decision-making at local, national, and international levels.	Prof A Ncube University of Free State Ms S Goba South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Ms F Mathebula Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA) Ms. I Mutombwa Red Cross SA
3.2.	14:15 –14:30	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION	ALL

SESSION 4:

MODERATOR MR. T. Khupari (NDMC) PANEL DISCUSSION 2

4.1.	14:30 –15:00	Exploring how research, technology, indigenous knowledge, and innovation can empower women to reduce disaster risks and build resilient communities.	Dr. W. Lunga Human Science Research Council (HSRC) Mr. A Karrim Alimdaad Foundation Ms Q Ndlovu QP Drone Tech
4.2.	15:00 –15:15	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	ALL

SESSION 5:

MODERATOR Dr. Vincent Mokoana (TUT) PANEL DISCUSSION 3

5.1.	15:15 –15:45	Building Resilient and Sustainable Communities: Empowering Women through Partnerships, Capacity Development and Economic Inclusion.	Dr T. Raphela-Masuku University of Free State Ms F. Hoets Disaster Management Solutions (DMS) Ms T. Nthambeleni Vhembe District Municipality Ms K. Mampeule National Research Fund (NRF)
5.2.	15:45 –16:00	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	ALL
SESSION 6: Program Director Ms. LEOGANG MOSOTHO DMISA NATIONAL PRESIDENT			
5.2.	16:16 –16:30	Vote of Thanks	Professor N. Potgieter Executive Dean, UNIVEN
5.3.	16:30 –17:00	Way Forward and Closing Remarks	Mr D. Pillay National Disaster Management Centre

