

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"

DAY 2 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: Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Time: 08:00-16:00

ANEW HOTEL, MBOMBELA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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	Inkhosi SA Nkosi: 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

Thematic Area: Risk-Informed Planning and Safer Communities

MODERATOR: Dr Nsizwazonke Yende, University of Mpumalanga

4.1.	13:30-13:45	Setting the Scene: Preventing Settlement Encroachment on Critical Infrastructure Servitudes	Ms Anthea Dennis: Vice President, Sasol Pipelines Operation Support. SASOL
4.2.	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
4.3.	14:00-14:15	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
4.4.	14:15-14:30	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
4.5.	14:30-14:45	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 Mluleki Nkosi: Chairperson-National Working Group on Emergency Services and Disaster Management South African Local Government Association
4.6.	14:45-15:00	Questions and Answers	All

SESSION 5: CLOSURE

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Deputy Minister- Prince Zolile Burns-Ncamashe

5.1. 15:00-15:30 Day 2 summary and Closing Remarks

Dr Dickson Masemola: Deputy Minister

Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

5.2. 15:30 Closure

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