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# **Disaster Risk Management Fire & Emergency Services Assessment**

***Time: 10:00 to 12:00 Venue: Zoom***



## **Programme**



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## Background

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) commissioned a thorough and scientific research intervention to determine the ability of municipalities – across all municipal categories – to perform functions in relation to disaster risk management, fire services and emergency services. A “deep-dive” analysis was needed to arrive at a detailed understanding of the challenges and to describe the essential elements of “best practice” disaster risk management, fire services and emergency services systems and how the elements interact as a complex adaptive system.

The output of the research is a number of documents:

- Discussion paper for Lobbying and Advocacy to create an enabling environment including proposed policy and legislative changes and appropriate funding
- Municipal Intervention and Support Strategy

Supported by three documents:

- Working Paper 1: Research Methodology
- Working Paper 2: Status Assessment Report-Fire and Emergency Services
- Working Paper 3: Status Assessment Report-Disaster Risk Management

SALGA would like to present the research and its findings to interested stakeholders and to afford an opportunity of engagement on the outcomes. To this effect SALGA, in partnership with the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), will host a seminar on 26 November 2021 between 10:00 and 12:00, which will be open to the public.

## Purpose and Outcomes

The objectives of the seminar are as follows:

- To provide details (background, purpose, methodology, findings and recommendations) of the research on the ability of municipalities to perform functions in relation to disaster risk management, fire services and emergency services.
- Raise awareness of the research with in the academic community and to afford an opportunity for engagement and further deliberation on the research.



The primary outcomes areas follows:

- Deepened understanding of the challenges faced by local municipalities;
- Increased engagement or development of new partnerships with SALGA to support their efforts in supporting local municipalities;
- Encourage targeted and informed research, incorporating the disaster risk management assessment, by the academic community to further support SALGA; and
- Support for SALGA from the academic community through access to current knowledge and research.

## Programme

**Programme Chair:** Prof Jerome Singh, Scientific Advisory Group on Emergencies (SAGE), (ASSAf); Dalla Lana School of Public Health (University of Toronto); Howard College School of Law (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

Item	Speaker/Facilitator
Welcome and introduction to SALGA and ASSAf	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SALGA Head of Portfolio (Municipal Sustainability): Dorah Marema</li> <li>2. ASSAf Executive Officer: Prof Himla Soodyall</li> </ol>
Background, purpose and intended outcomes	Noyise Centana, Advisor: Disaster Management, SALGA
Assessment of the Ability of Municipalities to Perform Functions in Relation to Disaster Risk Management, Fire Services and Emergency Services	Tshepo Motlhale, Senior Manager: Fire Services and Disaster Management, SALGA
Initial responses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Disaster Management Centre</li> <li>2. Patricia Zweig, Research Alliance for Disaster and Risk Reduction (RADAR), Stellenbosch University (SU)</li> <li>3. Anthea Stephens, Cities Support Programme (CSP), National Treasury</li> </ol>
Facilitated discussion	1. Prof Philip Harrison, South African Research Chair in Spatial Analysis and City Planning (University of the Witwatersrand)
Summary and highlights	Tshepo Motlhale (SALGA)
Thanks and closure	Prof Himla Soodyall

