

# PROGRAMME

## UNESCO-SOUTH AFRICA WORKSHOP ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



**Tuesday 4 August 2026**

**10:00 to 13:00**

**MS Teams link to join: <https://tinyurl.com/mmewddnf>**

*Programme Director: Dr Phil Mjwara, Permanent Representative of South Africa to UNESCO*

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| 10:00 | Opening remarks by the Programme Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:10 | Presentation by representative of UNESCO Disaster Risk Reduction Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:20 | G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group deliverables by Ms Pumeza Tyali, Director: Disaster Risk Assessment and Early Warning at the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs                                                                                          |
| 10:30 | SADC Disaster Risk Management Ministerial Meeting outcomes by Ms Pumeza Tyali                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10:40 | Flood risk intelligence from terrain-normalised flood predictions by Mr Humbulani Mudau, CEO of the South African National Space Agency                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:50 | The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research's end-to-end disaster risk reduction programme by the CSIR team, led by Dr Ndumiso Cingo, Strategic Partnerships Manager                                                                                                                  |
| 11:40 | Flood risk monitoring and early warning systems for informal settlements by Dr Emmanuel Fundisi, Geospatial Specialist at the Human Sciences Research Council                                                                                                                                |
| 11:50 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12:00 | Long-term ocean observations and their value in natural disaster mitigation at the coast and inland by Dr Tammy Morris, Ocean and Polar Coordinator at the Egagasini Node of the South African Environmental Observation Network                                                             |
| 12:20 | UN Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) technical advisory support and capacity development activities in support of disaster risk reduction across Africa by Dr Joerg Szarzynski, Officer in Charge of the UN-SPIDER Bonn Office |
| 12:30 | Q&A session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:40 | Reflections by SADC Disaster Risk Reduction Unit representative                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12:50 | Closing remarks by Ms Gugulethu Zwane, Deputy Director General: Institutional Planning and Support at the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation                                                                                                                                   |



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