

NEW HEAD: DISASTER OPERATIONS CENTRE AND SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AT CITY OF CAPE TOWN DMC APPOINTED



Celebrating with his family when receiving his PhD in Public and Development Management



Safety tips presenters at Tygerberg Radio with Ferdi Mostert

Dr Johan Minnie has been appointed as Head: Disaster Operations Centre and Systems Integration, City of Cape Town Disaster Management Centre from 1 May 2019. He will be reporting to Greg Pillay, Head of the City of Cape Town Disaster Risk Management Centre and this is a permanent position.

Work experience

Dr Minnie worked at the South African National Defence Force, then the City of Cape Town, Aurecon and currently again at the City of Cape Town Disaster Management Centre in the Mother City. He has worked in all the provinces of South Africa as well as in Namibia, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the UAE, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Philippines and Australia.

Dr Minnie's work experience started in 1991 and includes disaster management, safety and security risk management, risk and resilience management and advisory, ranging from the military to emergency and crisis management to disaster risk management and climate change response.

Qualifications

In 1994, he obtained a BMil (BA) Public Management and Political Science at the Faculty of Military Science at the

University of Stellenbosch followed by a BA (Hons) Public and Development Management (Cum Laude) at the School of Public Management and Planning at the University of Stellenbosch in 1998. In 2000, he attained an MPA Public and Development Management at the School of Public Management and Planning at the University of Stellenbosch and his PhD in Public and Development Management at the School of Public Leadership at the University of Stellenbosch in 2011.

Personal

In his spare time, Dr Minnie volunteers in various roles related to his intention to have fun thankfully doing good well. This includes his involvement in DMISA and youth skills development, being chairperson of a school governing body and a member of the local ward committee as well as being sound engineer at church. In his other spare time he enjoys reading, photography, videography, electronic media development, cycling and hiking. ▶



At the JOC during the Treasure oil spill in 2005

NDMC APPOINTS SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOPMENT AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN



Ms Jennifer Lekalala, Prof Andries Jordaan and Ms Moddy Radikonyana

The National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) appointed Résilience Globale (Pty) Ltd as the service provider for the development of an integrated national drought management plan for South Africa. Professor Andries Jordaan, former director at University of The Free State Disaster Management Training and Education Centre (UFS-DiMTEC) is the executive director of Résilience Globale and will lead the project team. The project leader and project managers are Ms Moddy Radikonyana and Ms Mosidi Jennifer Lekalala. Prof Jordaan, who is also a research fellow at the University of the Free State, is experienced in drought management planning in that he already developed drought management plans in several African countries and at provincial level in South Africa. He was also recently contracted by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to develop a national drought plan under the leadership of the Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation.

The team that will support Prof Jordaan with the national drought risk assessment and development of an information and communication system are Prof Roland Schultze, Prof Dusan Sakulski, Dr Bernard Hlalele, Me Olivia Kunguma and Me Valeri Poto.

The NDMC support the project team with the organisation of workshops and all national and provincial stakeholders will be consulted individually and through workshops.



Meeting with the national head of disaster management in Rwanda to develop a national disaster management plan for the country in 2009 for UNDP project

Challenges faced by the City of Cape Town Disaster Management Centre

We asked Dr Minnie what the major challenges are facing the City of Cape Town Disaster Management Centre. He responded in saying, “The main challenges faced is rapid urbanisation and increase of informal settlements, which results in increased vulnerability and exposure to hazards. Also the natural hazards associated with the coastal location, severe weather events, climate variability and climate change. Other challenges comprise technological hazards including those related to transport, manufacturing, the oil and gas industry and nuclear power. Safety at sports and recreational events in a city that is very popular for hosting such events also pose a risk.

We wish Dr Minnie well in his endeavours!