

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



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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!