



# African Centre for Disaster Studies Bi-monthly Newsletter

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### 1. ACDS sends team to southern Cape

On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of August the ACDS sent a team to the flood stricken southern Cape region of South Africa. The purpose of the trip was to gather information for the development of a rapid impact/loss assessment methodology which also forms part of a larger project using geo-information technology for disaster risk reduction.



This comprehensive system will have various facets, such as vulnerability, livelihoods and risk assessment as well as scenario planning and integrated development planning tools. For more information on this project contact Dr. Dewald van Niekerk [pwsdvn@puk.ac.za](mailto:pwsdvn@puk.ac.za) or Mr. Dawie van Vuuren [dawie@metrogis.co.za](mailto:dawie@metrogis.co.za).

### 2. ACDS launches quarterly e-bulletin

The ACDS is launching a quarterly e-bulletin, **Jàmbá** (meaning disaster in Yoruba). Jàmbá will provide African academics, researchers, practitioners and students with a platform to display their research and opinions. Though Jàmbá is not yet a peer reviewed bulletin, a panel of specialists will be used to evaluate submissions and to provide ideas for relevant themes.

The theme of the first issue is "Disaster risk reduction through vulnerability assessments". Interested parties are invited to submit papers for this edition

which will be published in November 2006. The deadline for submissions is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2006. For more information contact Gideon van Riet [sosgvr@puk.ac.za](mailto:sosgvr@puk.ac.za) or visit the ACDS website at [www.acds.co.za/publications](http://www.acds.co.za/publications)

### 3. Training offered

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are kindly requested **not to** contact the ACDS with queries on specific training activities displayed here. Please make use of the contact details provided under each advertisement.

#### South Africa

Disaster Management Solutions (DMS)-Western Cape in association with the University of South Africa (UNISA) offers a range of accredited short courses in disaster and business continuity management. Courses are presented by way of short facilitation sessions for three days a month over four months, commencing on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2006. For more information contact Geoff Laskey at 083-660-7305 or [geoff@dms-online.co.za](mailto:geoff@dms-online.co.za)

Southern Business School (SBS) in Krugerdorp offers a range of short courses in disaster risk reduction (DRR), as well as certificate and diploma

courses in management with an emphasis in DRR. For more information contact Jenny [jenny@nethabitat.co.za](mailto:jenny@nethabitat.co.za)

#### International

Responsenet is offering training covering various facets of disaster management from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2006 in New Dehli, India. For more information contact Mr. Arvind Bhatta or Ms. Angela at:

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### 4. Information for our newsletter

The ACDS Newsletter aims to provide relevant information to various stakeholders in the field of disaster risk management on the continent. This might for example include information on training opportunities, conferences and funding opportunities for research. If you have any relevant information you would like us to include in this newsletter, please forward it to Gideon van Riet at [sosgvr@puk.ac.za](mailto:sosgvr@puk.ac.za). Please include contact details (e-mail,

telephone numbers and internet link), but keep details brief. The ACDS reserves the right to edit submissions.

The next newsletter will be distributed on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2006. Please forward your information by Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

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