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1. ACDS launch of Jàmbá and first annual Pat Reid Lecture

The ACDS officially launched its quarterly e-bulletin: Jàmbá at a function on the campus of North-West University in Potchefstroom. The function was held on Wednesday the 8th of November and coincided with the first annual Pat Reid Lecture in disaster risk reduction.

The introduction of the annual Pat Reid lecture provides an opportunity for internationally recognised experts to address a topical DRR issue. The naming of the lecture has also

provided an opportunity to recognise the work of a pioneer in the field.



Ms. Pat Reid gives the first annual lecture in her name

2. Dutch Student does comparative study

A Dutch master's student is currently doing a comparative study on disaster management between the Netherlands and South Africa. Suzanne Heijmans is specifically investigating how the multidisciplinary response by diverse actors, within the first 60 minutes or "golden hour" after the

onset of a disaster can be optimally managed. For more information, contact Suzanne at Suzanne.velden@gmail.com

3. ProVention Consortium: Community Risk Assessment Toolkit

The Provention Consortium has developed a community risk assessment toolkit aimed for the use of international Non-Governmental Organisations and their partner organisations, local government staff, risk researchers and community based organisations, active in development and/or humanitarian work.

The CRA Toolkit has two key objectives:

- To document the various CRA methods and applications.
- To assist the users in identifying a method or case study, which is of particular relevance to their context.

The Toolkit contains four main features:

- A [collection of methodological resources and a compendium of case studies](#). For most methods

and case studies a guidance note has been developed. Each note provides a detailed analysis of the method and case study concerned and also presents a brief abstract.

- A [search tool](#), which allows users to carry out a search in the guidance notes according to a wide range of predetermined categories, such as type of material, geographical focus, hazard type, scale of assessment, and intended end users.
- A [glossary of terms](#), which provides a detailed description, and where available, a definition of more than 70 CRA concepts, methods and tools.
- [Additional links to CRA, CBDRM and Participation materials](#) This section contains additional CRA material and information on implementation of risk reduction actions at the community level.

A CRA Network was created which functions as a community of practice, aiming to facilitate the sharing of information and resources on

CRA amongst risk experts. To subscribe to the CRA mailing list, please contact **cra@ifrc.org**. The list is used for:

- Sharing relevant documents on CRA, such as methodologies, case studies, conceptual articles, workshop reports;
- Announcing CRA events with a global or regional relevance, such as workshops or training seminars;
- Informing network members about links to web-based CRA resources.

4. 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

Southern Business School

SBS is registered with the Department of Education as a private higher distance education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997. SBS offers the following registered pro-

grammes in Disaster Risk Reduction:

- Certificate in Management - Disaster Risk Reduction;
- Diploma in Management - Disaster Risk Reduction;
- Advanced Diploma in Management - Disaster Risk Reduction;
- A range of short courses in DRR.

For more information contact: Jenny Coles at **jenny@sbsonline.co.za** or on 082 889 7773.

5. Information for the ACDS 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 **gideon.vanriet@nwu.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 information by Friday the 26th of
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