

DITSOBOTLA LAUNCHES DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIVE FORUM.

Ditsobotla Local Municipality in the spirit of co-operative governance (Chapter 3 of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996, Section 51 of Disaster Management Act No 57 Of 2002 and sub- section 1.3.1.3 of the National Disaster Management Framework of 2005, launched Disaster Management Consultative Forum, in order for all relevant role players in Disaster Management in the municipal area to co-ordinate their actions on matters relating to disaster management as prescribed in Section 44 (b) of the Disaster Management Act No 57 of 2002.

The aim of the Disaster Risk Management Consultative Forum (DRMCF) is to provide a consultative medium through which all relevant Disaster Management role players in Ditsobotla Local can consult one another and co-ordinate their actions. The forum will then make recommendations to the Local Council on matters concerning Disaster Management.

A Disaster Risk Management is everybody business, and on that note different stakeholders from sector departments, NGO's and parastatals just to mentioned a few were called to grace the launch.

The Consultative Forum is made of different task teams namely;

- Risk Identification and Assessment Task Team(i.e. as part of disaster risk reduction but also disaster assessment)
- Relief Task Team (i.e. all NGO's and CBO's)
- Communication and Information Task Team(i.e. early warning)
- Health and Medical Services (i.e. biological hazards and medical care)
- Hazard Specific Task Team (i.e. floods, fire, drought chemical spills etc);
- Financial and Administration Task Team (i.e. management of disaster funds ;business continuity)
- Engineering and Development Task Team(resources and capacities)

In lines of communications the Disaster Risk Management Consultative Forum will communicate with Local Council and in particular the Members of the Mayoral Committee serving in the Disaster Management Portfolio Committee as well as with the District Disaster Management Advisory Forum.

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