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THE MINISTER

NAMIBIAN COMPARATIVE STUDY TO DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, PRETORIA ON 19 TO 22 MAY 2015

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the South African delegation who participated in the Namibian Comparative Study Tour (CST) held in South Africa from 19 to 22 May 2015.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) organised the study tour on behalf of the Department of Cooperative Governance (DCoG) following a formal request to the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) by the Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development of Namibia. The purpose of the CST was to afford the Namibian delegation an opportunity to learn about emergency and disaster management issues in South Africa.
- 2.2 The CST was precipitated by the fact that Namibia is in the process of developing its emergency management policy that is meant to provide guidelines for effective and timely response to emergencies within the local authorities. This policy seeks to further provide a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities of the various role players, as well as the introduction of appropriate interventions to save lives, property and the environment.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Namibian delegation comprised eight representatives, who arrived in South Africa on Monday, 18 May 2015. They were received and transported by the NDMC's official bus to their accommodation facility which was in Centurion.
- 3.2 The NDMC hosted the CST from 19-22 May 2015 with the assistance and support of key sector departments who are involved in emergency and disaster management issues within the South African environment (see **Annexure A** for programme of 19 May 2015).
- 3.3 The selection of sector departments was also informed by the areas of interest identified by Namibia for the CST which included amongst others, the structural arrangement of the sector within the department, the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders within the sector, policy and legislative frameworks, and funding model to name but a few.
- 3.4 While the engagements with key sector departments focused primarily on policy and regulatory activities, several municipalities were identified to share the operational strategies they have to manage emergencies and disasters.
- 3.5 The Namibian delegation for the CST comprised senior government representatives as outlined below:

Name of delegate	Designation
Officials from the Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development of Namibia	
Mr. K. B. Ndoroma	Deputy Director Regional, Local Government and Traditional Authorities Coordination, (Head of Namibian Delegation)
Ms. F. Shigwedha	Chief Administrative Officer, Disaster Risk Management
Ms. F.N. Hangula – Kadedu	Control Administrative Officer, Disaster Risk Management,
Officials from the Local Authorities	
Mr. A. Goosen	Chief Emergency Services, Swakopmund Municipality
Mr. P Nghiwilepo	Chief Executive Officer (Municipal Manager), Mariental Municipality
Ms. I Ipinge	Chief Executive Officer (Municipal Manager), Heloa Nafidi Municipality
Mr. A. Hamutenya	Operational Head: Disaster Risk Management, City of Windhoek
Mr. R. Kapia	Chief Emergency Management, City of Windhoek

- 3.6 While there were changes to the South African delegation throughout the entire CST, as the team hosted the session with other national sector departments and when visiting the various organisations, the following officials were the permanent members of the team from DCoG:

Mr. M.M. Khangale	Senior Manager, Fire Services Coordination, Head of South African Delegation
Mr G.O.L. Phetlhu	Manager, Fire Services Coordination
Ms. MJ Lekalakala	Manager, Disaster Risk Management Education and Training
Mr. M Magidi	Manager: International Relations and Donor Coordination
Mr. W. Mathebula	International Relations Officer
Mr. S. Zwane	International Relations Officer

- 3.6 The team also received support from the Communications unit of the Department.
- 3.7 Detailed information on the activities that were undertaken during the CST by the visiting delegation from 19 to 22 May 2015 is attached as **Annexure B**.
- 3.8 At the end of the CST, representatives of both countries (South Africa and Namibia) agreed that institutional mechanisms such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be considered to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries on disaster and emergency management issues.
- 3.9 It is important to note that this CST was successful because of cooperation of all identified role players (sector departments, municipalities, civil society organisations and private sector institutions) led by the NDMC.
- 3.10 The active participation of the Executive Mayor of the Mopani District Municipality, Ms N Rakgwale, during the visit to her District's Disaster Management Centre greatly enhanced the CST (see **Annexure C**). In view of this, a letter (attached as **Annexure D**) appreciating her support has been prepared for consideration and signature by the Minister. The Head of the NDMC has already signed letters to other organisations that assisted the Department in hosting a successful CST.

4. COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS

None

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister:

- 8.1 Takes note of the report from the South African delegation who participated in the Namibian Comparative Study Tour held in South Africa from 19 to 22 May 2015.



MS A BRUWER

ACTING HEAD: NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE

Date: 31/7/2015

RECOMMENDATION IN PARAGRAPH 8.1 SUPPORTED/.....



MR NTSELE

ACTING HEAD: DONOR AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: 4/8/2015



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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



AGENDA

NAMIBIAN STUDY TOUR PROGRAMME

DATE: 19 MAY 2015

TIME: 09H00 – 15H30

VENUE: NDMC Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Letaba House

1303 Heuwel Avenue, Riverside Park, Centurion

OBJECTIVE

The primary purpose of the session is to share information on Emergency Management and Disaster Management systems in South Africa with the Namibian Delegation visiting the country on a comparative study tour.

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival, signing of register and morning refreshments	ALL
Session 1: Process Issues		Ms Ane Bruwer, Acting Head: NDMC
09:00 – 09:15	1.1 Opening and Welcome 1.2 Announcements and introductions	Ms Ane Bruwer
Session 2: 09:15 – 10:45 Presentations by National & Provincial Disaster Management Centres		
09:15 – 09:45	Overview of National Disaster Management and Emergency Management (Fire Services) systems and structures in South Africa	Mr Musiwalo Moses Khangale, Senior Manager: Fire Services Coordination, NDMC
09:45 – 10:15	Overview of Provincial Disaster Management and Emergency Management (Fire Services) systems in Gauteng Province	Ms Lindokuhle Ngubane, Senior Manager: Disaster Management, Gauteng Provincial Government
10:15 – 10:45	Questions and discussions	All
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break	All

Session 3: Presentations by National Sector Departments		
11:00 – 11:30	Overview of Disaster Management systems within the Department of Rural Development & Land Reform	Mr Godwin Mmbadi, Chief Environmental Specialist, Department of Rural Development & Land Reform
11:30 – 12:00	Overview of Disaster Management systems within the Department of Agriculture Forestry & Fisheries	David Makate, Manager, Information, Policy & Implementation, Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and discussions	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
Session 4: Presentations by National Sector Departments		
13:30 – 14:00	Overview of Disaster Management systems within the South African Police Services	Colonel Govender Thumba, South African Police Services
14:00 – 14:30	Overview of funding frameworks, budgeting processes and applicable frameworks for funding disaster management in South Africa	Khetho Lomahoza, Senior Policy Analyst & Anita Viljoen, Manager, Expenditure Planning
14:30 – 15:00	Questions and discussions	All
15:00 – 15:10	Closing remarks	Ms Ane Bruwer, Executive Manager: Legislation, Policy & Compliance Management, NDMC
15:10 – 15:30	Tea	

**OVERVIEW OF KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY NAMIBIAN DELEGATION DURING
A COMPARATIVE STUDY TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA FROM 18 TO 22 MAY 2015**

DATE	KEY ACTIVITIES	VENUE
18 May	<p><u>ARRIVAL OF NAMIBIAN DELEGATION</u></p> <p>Arrival of the Namibian Delegation at the OR Tambo International Airport. Delegation was transported by the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Team i.e. National Disaster Management Centre and International Relations) from the airport to Eco Park Lodge in Centurion.</p>	Centurion
19 May	<p><u>PRESENTATIONS BY THE NDMC AND IDENTIFIED SECTOR DEPARTMENTS</u></p> <p>The following presentations were done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Disaster and Emergency Management (Fire Services) systems and structures in South Africa by Mr Khangale MM, NDMC. • Overview of Provincial Disaster and Emergency Management (Fire Services) systems in Gauteng Province by Ms Ngubane L, Gauteng Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC). • Overview of Disaster Management systems and strategies within the rural environment by Mr Thinda T and Mr Mmbadi G, Department of Rural Development & Land Reform. • Overview of Disaster Management systems within the Agriculture sector by Mr Makate D, Department of Agriculture Forestry & Fisheries. • Overview of Disaster and Emergency Management systems within the police environment by Colonel Govender, South African Police Services. 	Centurion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of funding frameworks, budgeting processes and applicable frameworks for funding disaster management in South Africa by Ms K Lomahoza K and Ms Viljoen A, National Treasury. <p><u>DINNER:</u></p> <p>The NDMC organised dinner for the delegation and this was held at the Protea Hotel, Centurion.</p>	
20 May	<p><u>SITE VISITS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Emergency Medical Training Centre, Florida, City of Johannesburg. The team was exposed to the Emergency Medical training and public education systems of the City. Mr S Matobako, Divisional Manager, Public Education Information and Relations (PIER) led the team from the City of Johannesburg 	Johannesburg
20 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Disaster Management Centre, Bedfordview, City of Ekurhuleni. The Head of the City's Disaster Management Centre, Mr. A. Kesten presented an overview of Disaster and Emergency Management systems within the city. Emphasis was placed on the role of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) and public education in fire risk reduction. The delegation was taken on a tour of the City's Crisis Control and Emergency Communication Centre. The Ekurhuleni City organised lunch (at their own cost) for the delegation. The Ekurhuleni team was led by the Head of the Disaster and Emergency Services Department, Mr. M Mosia. The Gauteng PDMC also participated in the visit. 	Bedfordview

20 May	<u>VISIT TO WATERBERG DISASTER AND FIRE CENTRE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team visited Waterberg District Disaster Management and Fire Services Centre. Mr D. Mokonyama, Chief Fire Officer presented an overview of fire services systems within the District. Presentation focused on the provision of fire services within a largely rural and vast area. The delegation was taken through a tour of the facilities and a static display of equipment and vehicles. The delegation travelled to Tzaneen after the Waterberg visit. 	Modimolle
21 May	<u>PRESENTATIONS BY THE MOPANI DISTRICT AND IDENTIFIED KEY ROLEPLAYERS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal programme was directed by Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) Sibiya, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee: Community Services. Delegation was welcomed by the Executive Mayor of the Mopani District, Honourable Rakgoale N. The Executive Mayor indicated her appreciation to COGTA for choosing her District to host the Namibian Delegation. 	Tzaneen
21 May	<p>The following presentation were done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of the visit by Mr MM Khangale, NDMC. Presentation on Disaster and Emergency Management systems and structures by Mr JJ Steyn, Head of the Mopani District Disaster Management Centre. This presentation focused on the hazards within the District and systems put in place to mitigate and respond where required. 	

21 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Fire Services systems by JD Visser, Chief Fire Officer of the Mopani District Municipality. Presentation focused on fire risks within the area, capacity and resources available to prevent and respond to fires. • Presentation on veldfire management strategies by Mr T Phillips, Chairperson of the Letaba Fire Protection Association (FPA). Focus of presentation was on veldfire risk management, planning and response strategies. • Presentation on the proposed Disaster Risk Science undergraduate programme by Prof. A Musyoki, School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Venda. Presentation provided an overview of courses that will be covered by the proposed degree. • Session was attended by several Councillors and officials of the Mopani District Municipality and the Limpopo PDMC. <p>The Mopani District Municipality organised lunch for the delegation and all personnel who participated in the hosting of the Namibian Delegation.</p>	
21 May	<p>STATIC DISPLAY OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delegation was taken on a tour of equipment and resources used to respond to emergencies. The static display had equipment's from Fire Services, various units of the South African Police Services such as the Bomb and Explosives Squad, Diving unit, Ambulance services, etc. 	

21 May	<p><u>SITES VISITS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delegation visited the Letaba FPA operations centre and was exposed to the emergency communication systems used by the FPA in veldfire management. All Namibian delegates were given gifts by the Letaba FPA. • The delegation visited the ZZ2 Tomato Park House and participated in a tour of the facilities. The tour was led by the CEO of ZZ2, Mr T.D. van Zyl. • The CEO of ZZ2 also provided refreshments. • The last visit was to the Baobab Tree Lodge in the area. • The delegation was escorted by Traffic and Police Officers for the duration stayed at Mopani District Municipality. 	
22 May	<p><u>TRAVEL BACK TO GAUTENG PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Team travelled from Tzaneen back to Gauteng. • COGTA arranged lunch for the Namibian team. • Upon arrival in Gauteng, the team visited the offices of the Fire Protection Association of Southern Africa (FPASA) in Boksburg, Johannesburg. During this visit, the following presentations were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of FPASA's work nationally and in the Southern African Region by Mr D Poxon, Managing Director of the FPASA. The presentation also highlighted the work being done by the FPASA in Namibia particularly in fire safety training. ❖ Presentation on the NDMC's Situation Reporting System (SRS) by Mr A Mashigo, System Developer. 	

22 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms A. Bruwer, Acting Head of the NDMC met the Namibian Delegation at the FPASA offices and conveyed her appreciation to Namibia for choosing South Africa for the Comparative Study Tour. • The FPASA organised refreshments and gifts for all members of the team. <p>After this visit, the Namibian Delegation was transported back to Eco Park Lodge in Centurion.</p>	
23 May	<p><u>DEPARTURE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NDMC accompanied the Namibian Delegation to OR Tambo Airport for their departure. 	Gauteng



Program for the visit by Namibian delegation 21 MAY 2015



PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: MME SIBIYA

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
08H00 – 08H30	Tea and Coffee at the Disaster Management Lapa.	All delegates.
08H30 – 09H00	Opening and Welcome.	Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality: Mme Nkakareng Rakgwale.
09H00 – 09H10	Purpose of the visit.	Mr Moses Khangale, National Disaster Management Centre.
09H10 – 09H20	Reply.	Namibian Delegation.
09H20 – 10H00	Presentation.	Mr J.J. Steyn, Head of Mopani District Disaster Management Centre.
10H00 – 10H20	Presentation.	Mr JD Visser, Chief Fire Officer of Mopani District Municipality.
10H20 – 10H30	Body Break.	All delegates.
10H30 – 11H10	Presentation.	Mr Trevor Phillips, Chairperson Letaba FPA Letaba Fire Protection Association (FPA)

11h10 – 11h30	Presentation - Infusing disaster science into higher education curriculum: The case of University of Venda proposed curriculum.	Professor Agnes Musyoki: Professor in Geography and Geo-information Science, University of Venda.
11h30 – 11h50	Discussions and questions.	All delegates.
11h50 – 12h30	Lunch	All delegates.
12h30 – 13h00	Viewing of static display: Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, South African Police Service, and Traffic Service.	All delegates.
13h00 – 13h15	Media	Mopani Communications.
13h15 – 13h30	Travel to Letaba FPA.	All delegates.
13h30 – 14h10	Visiting the Operational Centre at Letaba FPA and display.	All delegates.
14h10 – 14h40	Travel to ZZ.	All delegates.
14h40 – 15h30	Visit the ZZ2 tomato pack house.	All delegates.
15h30 – 16h00	Travel to the Boabab tree.	All delegates.
16h00 – 17h00	Time of leisure at Boabab tree.	All delegates.
16h00 - 17h00	Return back to hotel.	Namibian delegates and NDMC delegates.

