Session 3: The journey towards a climate resilient society

Tuesday 11 November

10h30 – 12h30

Exhibition Hall 4 Room 1

South Africa has already made great strides to improve its climate resilience, and this plenary aims to 'mobilise society for further action'. This session will explore the findings of Phase 1 of the Long Term Adaptation Scenarios (LTAS), with respect to the question 'What are the sectors and areas that are most at risk to a changing climate?' The National Disaster Management Centre will be called upon to provide data on South Africa's previous damaging climatic events (such as floods and drought in 'hot spot' areas), and SANBI will show how the climate is anticipated to change in these 'hot spot' areas up to 2050.

Key questions:

- What lessons can we learn from South Africa's work on disaster risk reduction and management, and how can this be scaled up for climate change adaptation?
- How do we reduce risk and maximise adaptation opportunities across sectors and within society to build South Africa's resilience?
- What are the memorable disasters that have happened in South Africa over the past years, and who were the key players in each of these disasters and their roles?
- Under what enabling environment were there successes in responding to disasters?

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	Debbie	Donaldson	Independent, YOU'RE worth it!	Climate resilience disaster management and the role of insurers
	Bernard	Mutsago	Health policy researcher, South African Medical Association	Climate change and impact on human health
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