



The University of the Free State – Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (UFS – DiMTEC), in collaboration with the United Nations University – Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU – EHS), presents:

The 15th Annual Block Course Workshop

Theme: *“Building Resilience in a Changing World: Innovative Approaches to Disaster Risk Reduction.”*

19 – 28 August 2024

Venue: The University of the Free State, Bloemfontein,
Free State Province, South Africa



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Southern Africa faces increasing disasters, which often occur together, leading to a chain reaction of impacts. International market and inflationary pressures further complicate the situation. The 15th Annual Block Course organised by UFS-DiMTEC, in Bloemfontein, South Africa, in collaboration with UNU-EHS, in Bonn, Germany, aims to address these complex interconnections of compound and cascading catastrophes. The workshop's theme is **"Building Resilience in a Changing World: Innovative Approaches to Disaster Risk Reduction."** Tailings dam failures in Free State Province, with the most recent one on 11 September 2022 in Jagersfontein, highlight the importance of the workshop's theme. The collapse of the diamond mine waste storage facility **known as the tailings dam** caused a mudflow that killed three people, injured over 300, and destroyed several homes. For the past 14 years, this annual joint capacity development workshop has combined scientific theory with practical crisis preparedness and response methodologies. Participants in the workshop will conduct socio-ecological and economic surveys and studies to better understand the issues and challenges related to disasters. The Jagersfontein tailings dam collapse provides a realistic context for participants to conduct their research, which may lead to later advanced scientific projects.

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ATTENDANCE COST: \$ 600,00; R 10 700

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SUBMISSIONS:

30 April 2024	Registration opens
01 July 2024	Registration deadline
01 July 2024	Payment deadline
19 July 2024	Deadline for proof of payment submission (workshop can only accommodate 30 participants and seats are reserved upon receipt of proof of payment)

N.B. Please take note that the UFS-DiMTEC cancellation policy will be applicable in the case of a cancellation.