FLOODMAN-Workshop
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BILATERAL GERMAN–SOUTH AFRICAN HYBRID WORKSHOP

FLOODMAN: Building Climate Resilience after the 2026 Limpopo Floods

German-South African Workshop on Climate Adaptation and Flood Risk Management

When: 25–26 November 2026 **Where:** Phalaborwa (Limpopo, South Africa) **Format:** on-site and online

DAY 1 Wednesday, 25 November 2026

07:30–08:30	Registration
08:30–08:45	Introduction
08:45–09:10 SOUTH AFRICA	**Mark van Staden**, National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) *National perspective*
09:10–09:35 SOUTH AFRICA	**Dr. Christien Engelbrecht**, South African Weather Service (SAWS) *Weather prediction and forecasting*
09:35–10:00	*Coffee/Tea*
10:00–10:25 GERMANY	**Thomas Burchert,** SPEKTER GmbH, Herzogenaurach *Early Warning, Technical Implementation of the Warning Chain*
10:25–10:50 GERMANY	**Dr. André Assmann**, geomer GmbH, Heidelberg, and DWA Working Group 4.6 Flood Audit *Audit Flood Risk Preparedness – how well is a local authority prepared*
10:50–11:20	**Plenary discussion**
11:20–11:35	Briefing for World Café sessions *Topics 1–3 run in parallel, participants rotate between the tables. One table per round is streamed live (listed below).*
11:35–12:45	*Lunch*
12:45–13:45 LIVE STREAM	**World Café · Break-away Round 1 of 6** From forecast to action: closing the last mile
13:55–14:55 LIVE STREAM	**World Café · Break-away Round 2 of 6** Local preparedness: what does a local government actually need?
14:55–15:20	*Coffee/Tea*
15:20–16:20 LIVE STREAM	**World Café · Break-away Round 3 of 6** Land use, settlements, and retention in the watershed
16:20–16:40	Facilitators consolidate inputs
16:40–17:30	**Plenary: Synergy for Day 1**

DAY 2 Thursday, 26 November 2026

08:30–08:40	Review of Day 1
08:40–09:05 GERMANY	**Ingo Nienhaus**, DIE GEWÄSSER-EXPERTEN (DGE), Siegburg *From damage mapping to reconstruction along small waterways*
09:05–09:30 GERMANY	**Hermann-Josef Pelgrim**, Aufbau- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler mbH (AG BNAW) *Beyond Reconstruction: Building a More Resilient River Landscape in the Ahr Valley, Germany*
09:30–09:55	*Coffee/Tea*
09:55–10:20 SOUTH AFRICA	**Dr. Tony Swemmer**, South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) *Understanding the impacts of past floods to prepare for the next one*
10:20–10:45 SOUTH AFRICA	**Dr. Mark Napier**, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) *Human Settlement Planning and Placemaking in SA: An approach to building flood resilience*
10:45–11:15	**Plenary discussion**
11:15–11:30	Briefing for World Café sessions *Topics 4–6 run in parallel, participants rotate between the tables. One table per round is streamed live (listed below).*
11:30–12:45	*Lunch*
12:45–13:45 LIVE STREAM	**World Café · Break-away Round 4 of 6** Data: what we have, what is missing, who can use it
13:55–14:55 LIVE STREAM	**World Café · Break-away Round 5 of 6** Damage assessment, prioritization, and funding
14:55–15:20	*Coffee/Tea*
15:20–16:20 LIVE STREAM	**World Café · Break-away Round 6 of 6** Organizing reconstruction: mandates, institutions, and people
16:20–16:40	Facilitators consolidate inputs
16:40–17:40	**Plenary: Synergy for Day 2 and overall synthesis**
17:40–18:00	**Closure**

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