

“Art was made to overcome chaos - Don Jones”

“A picture is worth a thousand words – Napoleon Bonaparte”

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ART ON DISASTERS EXHIBITION 2014 presented by DiMTEC – UFS

*“The task of therapy is not to eliminate suffering but to give a voice to it, to find a form in which it can be expressed. Expression is itself transformation; this is the message that art brings. The therapist then would be an artist of the soul, working with sufferers to enable them to find the proper container for their pain, the form in which it would be embodied – Stephen K. Levine”*

### CALL FOR EXHIBITION

The Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA) Conference to be held from 17 to 18 September 2014 in Durban will be the first annual conference in Africa to hold a correlated art exhibition as part of the conference proceedings. This will be a first of its kind, a unique and brilliant event in the global humanitarian fraternity.

Participating in this exhibition will provide professional, upcoming and innovative artists an opportunity to pioneer an uncultivated field as well as become a possible stepping stone into the humanitarian world.

Disasters have a devastating effect on societies that bring fear, uncertainties and usually post-traumatic stress disorders. Most survivors and the affected seek comfort in art. Art has served as a memorial and healing process, it has helped affected communities interpret their emotions. “Art on Disasters” is a project on collection of various categories of art which seeks to educate people about the risks of disasters and rehabilitate the affected through art.

#### The Art on Disasters exhibition is aimed at:

- Encouraging artists to create work that will help them become ambassadors of powerful non – verbal communication of world peace;
- Presenting to humanitarian workers and conference participants at large a unique, exciting and valuable learning experience;
- Helping advocates of humanity to communicate peace and safety of communities more effectively;
- Assisting humanitarian workers to advocate for disaster risk reduction and motivate for rehabilitation of affected communities;

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Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life – Pablo

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