

NDMC ISSUES EL NIÑO IMPACT ADVISORY FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT STAKEHOLDERS

The National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) has issued an advisory warning disaster management stakeholders about the potential impacts of El Niño conditions in South Africa and calling for heightened preparedness measures. The advisory is intended to strengthen early warning systems, contingency planning, risk reduction measures and coordinated responses across all spheres of government.

WHAT IS EL NIÑO?

El Niño is a climate phenomenon characterised by unusually warm ocean temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, which influence weather patterns across the world. In South Africa, El Niño conditions are often associated with reduced rainfall, higher temperatures and increased drought risk.

SOUTH AFRICA'S CURRENT STATUS



National alert level: **AMBER – Heightened Preparedness.**

Risk outlook

July–August 2026	Low risk
September 2026	Moderate risk
October–December 2026	High risk
January–March 2027	High risk

POTENTIAL IMPACTS



Communities

WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

Sectors



FIVE ACTIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN

