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## **Invite: Leveraging community and stakeholder perspectives on solutions to disaster risk management in the Cape Flats**

**11 May 2022 | 09:00-15:00 | Sweet Home Farm, Phillipi**

The Future Water Institute at the University of Cape Town (UCT) is collaborating with three vulnerable Cape Flats communities (Delft, Overcome Heights and Sweet Home Farm), local and international academic institutions and non-profit organisations to address three interconnected climate change induced environmental hazards, i.e., drought-related water shortages and poor water quality; frequent flooding; and large-scale recurrent fire outbreaks.

Part of the project's aim is co-mobilising existing local knowledges and practices and co-producing new approaches to disaster management, as well as fostering community resilience in the face of protracted social, political and often climate change induced crises. To this end, the research collaborators and the Cape Flats communities are engaging in ongoing applied community participatory research – including digital storytelling, photovoice fieldwork and community mapping.

On Wednesday, 11 May, a stakeholder and community engagement event will be held for presenting research visual outputs as an entry point to discuss disaster risk management challenges and solutions in Sweet Home Farm, building on a similar event that took place on 6 April 2022 in Overcome Heights.

The project entitled "UKRI GCRF Water and Fire: Enhancing capacity and reducing risk through 15 'Best Bets' for transformative adaptation with vulnerable residents on the Cape Flats" is a joint initiative between the UKRI GCRF, Stirling University, Sustainable Livelihood Foundation, UCT (Future Water Research Institute and Safety and Violence Initiative) and the University of Western Cape.

### **More information**

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