



SAIA CLIMATE CHANGE WEBINAR
KEY CHALLENGES FACING FIRE SERVICES
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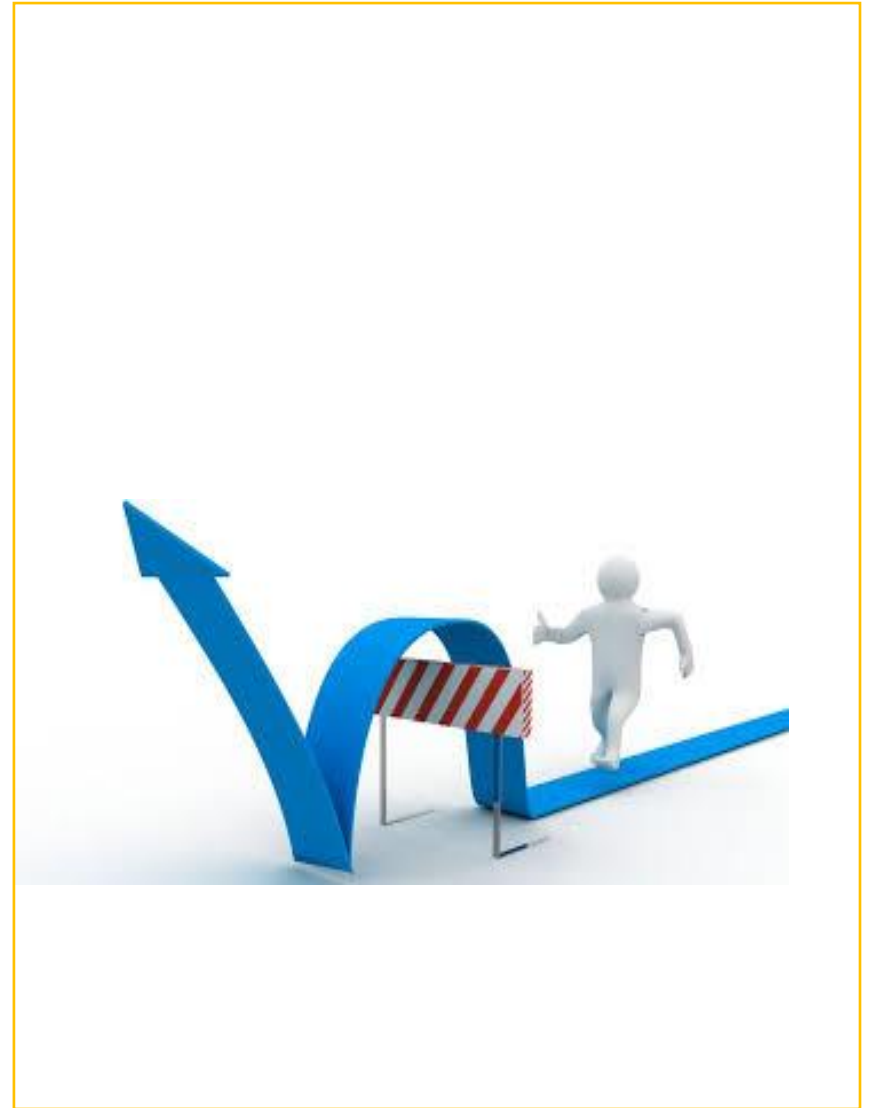


STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- . Constitutionally, Firefighting services is a local government function.
- . Review of Fire Brigade Services Act by COGTA.
- . Fire Services play a critical role in infrastructure protection.
- . Fire Services play a key role in risk management process.
- . Fire services is an essential public service (non-trading community service).
- . Inadequate capacity by several fire services.

Macro challenges facing Fire Services

- ✓ Wildland urban interface;
- ✓ Impact of climate change on fire risks;
- ✓ Lack of fit-for-purpose funding model;
- ✓ Increase of fire-prone informal settlements;
- ✓ Growth of Areas to be serviced due to urbanization;
- ✓ Sheer geographic vastness of areas;
- ✓ Lack of firefighting water supply;
- ✓ Rural municipalities unable to attract skilled Fire Managers.
- ✓ Competition for resources.



Increasing litigation symptomatic of systemic challenges facing fire services.

INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED

- Mobilisation of resources by government & social partners.
- Collaboration between Government and private sector (Insurance sector).
- Provision of support through collaboration to –
 - ✓ Support leadership development for fire services;
 - ✓ Provide resources i.e., equipment and training to enhance capabilities;
 - ✓ Develop long-term strategic plans for service provision;
 - ✓ Improve oversight of existing initiatives;
 - ✓ Strengthen capabilities through co-funding of initiatives;
 - ✓ Support community resilience building initiatives.

THANK YOU



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