

The GreenBook: Adapting settlements for the future

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Our urban context



Extreme weather events are becoming more intense and occurring more frequently due to climate change



Growing and urbanising population will continue to place pressure on city economies and local government



Vulnerabilities are exacerbated as more people, infrastructure and ecosystems are exposed to climate-related risks

The GreenBook



- The GreenBook is a multi-disciplinary, open-access, web-based planning support system that provides evidence to South African municipalities to adapt their cities and towns to current and future climate change impacts based on their risk profiles.
- The GreenBook leverages knowledge, data, and technology to drive forward local government climate change response efforts to manage and shape resilient and better prepared cities and towns.

Ensure a reliable and credible repository of climate risk and adaptation information

This objective is centered around the GreenBook as a Planning Support System to address the need for data and insights regarding climate change, hazards, resource impacts, population, vulnerability, and adaptation.

Mainstream the GreenBook into local government planning

This objective is largely driven by external need for information, data, and insights and the ability to integrate those into planning processes and instruments. This objective focus on promoting the use of the GreenBook in local government planning to support building resilience to the impacts of climate.

The GreenBook



01 NATIONAL OVERVIEW

A series of interactive web apps highlights national trends and projected changes for coastal flooding, floods, wildfires, drought, settlement vulnerability, urban growth, climate change, economic outlook, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, surface water and groundwater. Users can browse information and maps to learn more about key national findings and recommendations, as well as to access technical research reports.

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04 METROVIEW

Discover high-resolution, baseline and future (2050) risk profiles for select metropolitan cities including spatialised and quantified climate hazard, exposure, vulnerability, and demographic insights. Explore climate actions to reduce exposure and build long-term resilience.

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02 MUNICIPAL RISK TOOL

An interactive tool that grounds the adaptation process in scientific evidence of the climate risks each local municipality in South Africa is likely to face under a changing climate by 2050. The Municipal Risk Profile Tool provides temporally dynamic risk profiles, including information on vulnerabilities, population projections, exposure to climate hazards, and the impacts of climate change on some key municipal resources for each municipality and its settlements.

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05 TRAINING

GreenBook Training aims to build enduring capacity in all spheres of government (and beyond) to understand local climate risks, the need to adapt settlements to these risks, and how to mainstream the GreenBook data, insights, and information into local plans, instruments and processes. Various training modules will soon be available online to complete in your own time.

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03 ADAPTATION ACTIONS

The Adaptation Actions Tool supports adaptation planning and decision-making within local government. The Tool provides a range of settlement planning and design actions that can be undertaken by local government to adapt to the impacts of climate change, reduce exposure to hazards, build long-term resilience, and exploit opportunities for sustainable development.

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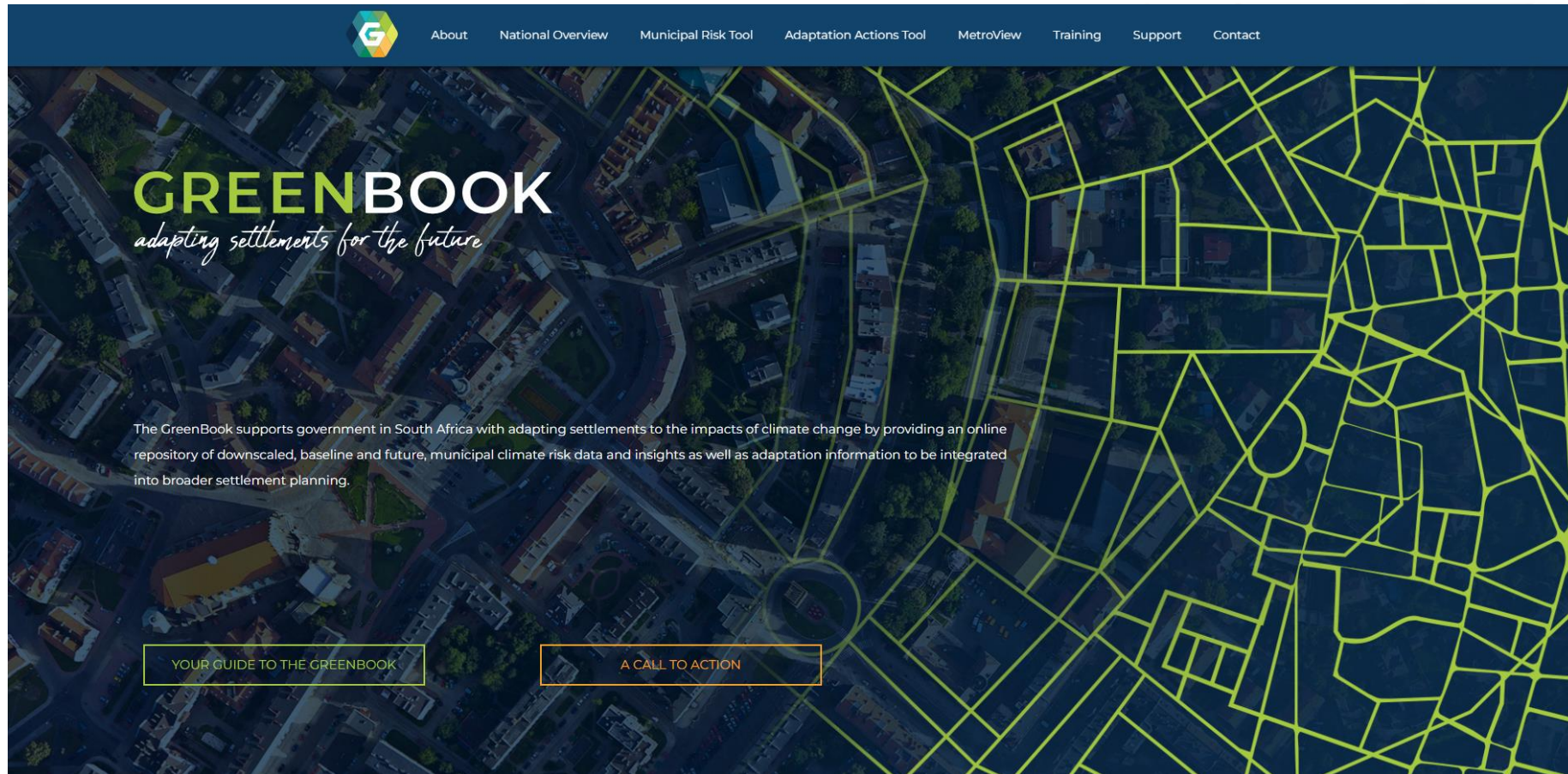
06 SUPPORT

GreenBook Support promotes the agenda of climate adaptation planning in local government by raising awareness of climate risks and facilitating the mainstreaming of the GreenBook as a support system and information source. Support is offered by providing training, technical assistance, as well as data and maps to all spheres of government in collaboration with our partners. This page is still under construction.

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