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Northern Cape outshines the rest in Aqua Enduro competition

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The Grade 11 learners from the Northern Cape outshone their counterparts from the other provinces to scoop the first prize in the Aqua Enduro competition that was held in the Kruger National Park from 03 to 08 December 2017. The learners and their support team showed endurance in the activities of the week and claimed the coveted prize which is accompanied by a floating trophy.

Aqua Enduro is one of the flagship programmes of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) aimed at addressing the skills shortage challenge in the scientific and engineering disciplines within the water sector. The Aqua Enduro competition is open to grade 11 learners studying Mathematics and Physical Science. Aqua Enduro forms part of the Department's 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme and involves young people in mental and physical activities that test their intellectual capabilities and stamina while learning about the importance of water resource management. This year marks the tenth year of the programme which has seen about 147 learners receiving bursaries to fulfill their dreams in the scientific and engineering sphere.

Ms Lerato Mokoena, Chief Director: Regulation congratulated the Northern Cape for winning the competition and encouraged all attendees to work even harder to realize their dreams. "You are all winners. If it was possible, you were all going to get the bursaries but I am quite sure that those of you who will not form part of the 20 will get assistance somewhere as you are all a talented and dedicated group", she said.

The learners were excited to be part of the weeklong activities as they were exposed to the water sector in terms of water quality monitoring, water use efficiency, technical site visits to the water resources, water and waste water treatment plants to ensure that they understand the water and sanitation business. The learners also acquired important life skills such as team building and communications.

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