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Blueprint to guide Water and Sanitation Master Plan

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS's) KwaZulu-Natal region, along with various stakeholders, held the 2nd workshop on the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan on Wednesday, 24 January 2018 in Durban.

The workshop gathered stakeholders from water entities, local government, agriculture, industry and mining sectors, among others. The objective of developing the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan is for structures of State responsible for water resource management, water services and sanitation to make input and agree on the journey towards finalising the obligation of the Constitution, National Development Plan, Sustainable Development Goals, etc.

"The National Water and Sanitation Master Plan is a plan intended to guide the water sector with investment planning for the development of water resources and the delivery of water and sanitation services over the horizon until 2030, and beyond." said Sibusiso Mthembu from DWS's Head Office.

"South Africa faces challenges as the demand of water use is unstable with changes to the environment, economic and technological factors. Water and sanitation services require a co-ordinated approach to ensure that all people in South Africa have access to potable water and dignified sanitation services," said Mthembu.

The issue of water security for South Africa does not only limit the entire water sector but also has far reaching consequences across the entire economy of South Africa. It touches on growth and development of all sectors of our economy. There is another initiative called the National Integrated Water Security Framework, which is driven by the National Planning Commission.

This is in recognition of the importance of water security for our country. In the context of the master plan, water security touches on many facets, including identifying future water sources for our growing population; including future water resources development options, the operation and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure, the proper management of our water quality, Water Supply Services, Resilience of our country to Climate Change Impacts and Water Conservation and Water Demand Management.



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“This is the second workshop by the department to discuss in-depth talks on funding models to improve South Africa’s water security in support of the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan. The Department is currently in the process of drafting the plan, which is expected to be completed by March 2018. By including stakeholders in this process, it is hoped that the master plan can be planned to benefit the country as well as attract other stakeholders” Mthembu continued.

The workshop forms part of a series of meetings taking place across the country to address the water and sanitation challenges the country faces. The master plan identifies key actions in the water sector and allocates roles and responsibilities to all in the water sector towards its implementation.

The master plan will include a list of key programmes, projects and actions to be implemented by various stakeholders for the protection and development of the national water resources, and for the provision of adequate and reliable water and sanitation services for all citizens. It will also address the enabling requirements, such as the institutional and legal arrangements for implementation, operation and maintenance, funding requirements, and monitoring and evaluation models.

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