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Deputy Minister Tshwete encourages young people to take interest in the water sector

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation set the scene alight on the first day of the National Youth Summit on Monday, 25 June 2018 at Birchwood Hotel in Boksburg.

The two day summit, which included the National Adjudication for the Baswa le Meetsi completion is aimed at galvanising learners at a young age to develop interest in water sector and inculcate the culture of saving water.

Delivering the keynote address on the first day of event, Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete said that the department is doing all it can to stimulate young people's minds, enticing them to have an interest in the water sector. She said, the water sector needs all hands on the deck in coming up with innovative ways to face the current challenges it faces and young people as future leaders need to be roped in.

As the country celebrates former President Nelson Mandela and struggle stalwart Mama Albertina Sisulu centenaries, Deputy Minister urged the learners to follow their example and be leaders that make a difference in their communities.

"Our department will do everything it can to invest in young people and open the doors of learning for them by offering bursaries to deserving learners who want to pursue a career in the water sector", she said.

Mr Clive Mhlane, from Department of Water and Sanitation, encouraged young people to be involved in green economy, to venture into business, and to also pursue careers in water the sector.

The summit held discussions on youth mainstreaming and progress made regarding objectives outlined in the Youth Development Pledge with an aim to create a broader understanding of government's objectives and how they affect young people.

The learners were encouraged to be active citizens and play meaningful roles in the water sector and value water as a scarce resource.

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