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Eastern Cape Mayors gather to find solutions on drought

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) in Eastern Cape, held a Provincial Water and Sanitation Forum in Mthatha on Wednesday, 28 February 2018. The purpose of the forum was to discuss among other things the alignment of departmental plans to deal with drought and shortages of water in the Province.

Provincial Head, Ms Portia Makhanya said the forum should come up with a common vision for the water sector and promote joint decision making between stakeholders in the achievement of the required goals. This with the intention to have coordinated efforts by all relevant stakeholders to work together in an effort to defeat drought that is affecting most parts of Eastern Cape.

Executive Mayor of OR Tambo District Municipality, Nomakhosazana Meth added that the gathering was meant to align District Municipality Plan as Water Service Authorities with the DWS Master Plan and learn best practices and share experiences on how to deal with drought issues in the province and further discuss the lasting solutions.

The forum was attended by different Mayors of Local Municipalities around the province and they echoed each other's sentiments that the forum meeting came at an opportune time when the province needed all hands on the deck to overcome drought.

The Forum members also spoke in one voice on the needs to double the efforts to educate the public about the importance of water and the culture of water usage across all sectors of the society.

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