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Free State dominates Baswa le Meetse competitions

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Free State emerged victorious in a majority of categories it participated in at the 2018 Water and Sanitation Summit. The two day summit – which featured Invention Projects, Public Speaking and Baswa le Meetse Competitions – was held at Birchwood Hotel in Boksburg from 25 to 26 June 2018.

The competition proved to be as much challenging as it was educational for the youth and educators who came from all nine provinces to compete.

At the official closing of the event, Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete applauded the educators as well as the facilitators for their dedication to the Baswa le Meetse programme. “Make use of the opportunities that are afforded to you as in my time the only opportunity black youth could get was either being a nurse or a police officer”, she said. “Many have died while creating opportunities for young black girls and boys to become anything they want to become in life”, Tshwete said.

The learners went toe to toe while competing in drama, music, poetry, praise poetry and poster creation to convey water saving messages. This competition, which started in 2003, begin at district level where primary schools battle it out to reach provincials, and then it culminates to the national competitions.

Free State won big when they scooped the following awards

Praise Poetry Category: 1st place:

Sebatatso Primary School (Botshabelo)

Poster Category; 1st place:

Sebatatso Primary School (botshabelo)

Drama Category: 1st place:



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Boikemisetso Primary School (Kroonstad)

Poetry Category: 3rd place:

Matswathaka Intermediate (Bethlehem)

Intervention Project Category: 2nd place:

Ms Joice Leoka from St Mary's Primary (Bloemfontein)

Public Speaking Category: 3rd place:

Dr Reginald Cinco Secondary School (Kroonstad)

Each category has a prize which consists of R20 000 for the first place; R 15 000 for the second place; and R10 000 for the third place. The intervention category consists of R30000 for second place. In public speaking, three learners won bursaries.

Baswa le Meetsi, an initiative of the Department of Water and Sanitation, is part of 2020 Vision for Water Education Programme which is aimed at galvanising Primary School learners to actively participate in water conservation efforts.