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WISA Conference gaining momentum

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Today marks the second day of the Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) Conference. Themed “Breaking barriers, connecting ideas”, the conference seeks to address past, existing and future water resource challenges by promoting collaboration, cooperation and integration within the water sector.

Some informative sessions took place today and one of the highlights was the presentation by DWS’s Ms Bila-Mupariwa (Director: Planning and Information) who delivered a presentation on how recreational facilities can go a long way in preventing drowning incidents.

She cited an emotional story of an 8 year old boy who drowned while playing next to the Waste Water Treatment Works in West Coast of the Western Cape. She concluded her presentation by appealing to sectors to pledge funding for a swimming pool for the West Coast town where the drowning incident took place.

Meanwhile, one of DWS students was part of the winning team in the Wet-skills Challenge. The Wet-skills Water Challenge is a pressure-cooker programme for students and young professionals with a passion for water and from all over the world. The winning case study was on how to Avoid Day Zero due to lowering Capetonians’ Water Footprint. Minister Nkwinti presided over the award ceremony yesterday.

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