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### **Mpumalanga engages stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector in preparation for Operation Phakisa**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) engaged stakeholders in the Mpumalanga Province in a consultative workshop in preparation for the water and sanitation Operation Phakisa to fastrack the delivery of water and sanitation services on 08 April 2019 in Mbombela.

The Provincial workshop was meant to seek inputs from stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector on how to effectively implement the National Water and Sanitation Master through a Phakisa process. The consultative workshop was also used to present the key issues and possible solutions as depicted in the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan.

Operation Phakisa is a results-driven approach, involving clear plans and targets, ongoing monitoring of progress and making results available to the public that is radical, practical and innovative and should deliver exceptional results. It aims to create an environment where government implement priority programmes better, faster and more effectively and mobilise sector partners to agree on the concrete actions, budgets and timeframes necessary to implement the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan. Operation Phakisa will provide the platform where all key stakeholders commit to act together in a focused manner to achieve some break through results in the implementation of key interventions and the achievement of desired outcomes.

The Provincial Head of the Mpumalanga Region, Mr Fikile Guma, chaired the workshop and Mr Trevor Balzer presented and outlined the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan and the Operation Phakisa framework. Mr Balzer outlined what the Master Plan is all about reminded the audience of the five pillars of the Department. He further outlined how Operation Phakisa will assist in the achievement of the National Development Plan (NDP) and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 targets.





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The consultative workshop was a success with a full house of stakeholders who ensured that the province specific issues are identified and taken into consideration going forward to ensure that services are delivered efficiently and effectively.

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