



## water & sanitation

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#### **World Wetlands Day celebrated with Impedulo Primary School learners**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation in the Western Cape in partnership with other stakeholders took a fun-filled World Wetlands Day (WWD) activity to the students of Impedulo Primary School in Khayelitsha on Friday, 01 February 2019.

The event was organized by the Western Cape Wetlands Forum as part of the celebration of World Wetlands day.

Themed “Wetlands and Climate Change”, the World Wetlands Day is a global celebration that marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands in 1971. During the World Wetlands Day learners were educated about the importance and conservation of wetlands.

Addressing the learners during the WWD, Ms Margo Adonis who is a Ms Earth South Africa Ambassador outlined the benefits of the wetlands. According to her some of the benefits include

- Ground water recharge which is important in a drought risk country such as South Africa;
- Water purification;
- Flood control; and
- Provide tourism and recreation opportunities

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) as the custodian of South Africa’s water resources, has the responsibility and mandate under the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) to protect, conserve, use, develop and regulate sustainable development of activities affecting watercourses, which includes wetlands.

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