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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS engages water users on raw water pricing charges

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has embarked on a consultation drive to engage water users and key stakeholders in the water sector on the pricing for raw water charges.

In terms of section 56, of National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 the Minister may, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, from time to time by notice in the Government Gazette, establish a pricing strategy for any water use within the framework of existing relevant government policy. The Minister as mandated by the National Water Act, from section 56-60 requires the Department of Water and Sanitation to establish a pricing for raw water charges. The water use charges are crucial for the funding of water resource development as well as achieving the equitable and efficient allocation of water.

The budget planning and price setting cycle objective is to ensure that Water Trading Entity (WTE) and internal stakeholders understand the impact of estimated costs versus revenue estimates and constantly improve on the uniformity of budget preparation by using relevant policy and guiding documents. Budgets and charges are determined by both Catchment Management Agencies and Operational Cluster offices.

All affected persons and institutions are encouraged to participate in the consultation sessions.

The consultation sessions in Mpumalanga will be held in Usuthu, Inkomati and Olifants catchments. The Usuthu catchment area will hold its consultation session on 05 July 2017 in Mkhondo followed by the Inkomati catchment session in Mbombela on 07 July 2017. The Olifants catchment will hold its consultation session on 11 July 2017 in the Nkangala District.



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