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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS in Northern Cape to educate residents about the importance of water

14 March 2017

As part of National Water Week activities, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Northern Cape will embark on a number of activities to educate the residents of Rosedale about the importance of water and how they can conserve it. This campaign will start from 14-17 March 2017.

This partnership between DWS and Dawid Kruiper Municipality and Rosedale was targeted because they recently received waterborne toilets.

To further enhance water education activities, the Department together with Nama Khoi Municipality will visit Garies and Nababeep to engage the communities there about water pollution from 28-29 March 2017.

National Water Week is an awareness campaign by the Department of Water and Sanitation to highlight to every South African the importance of using water sparingly in order to ensure that we have enough water to continue eradicating poverty and developing South Africa.

Nationally, the Department of Water and Sanitation in partnership with KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government and the United Nations Water will be hosting World Water Day Summit and Expo from 22-24 March 2017 at the iNkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.

The Summit will be attended by President Jacob Zuma, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Heads of State Committee on the United Nations (UN) High Level Panel on Water.

The Summit will provide South Africa with an opportunity to outline progress that the country has made in meeting water and sanitation goals since 1994 and will also be a platform for sharing knowledge and experience on risks in water provision induced by drought and climate change.

National Water Week is celebrated under the theme "*Water and Sanitation is a Human Right*".

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