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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS stakeholders comment on the draft water & sanitation master plan

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Yesterday, the Department of Water and Sanitation in collaboration with relevant stakeholders in the water sector hosted an inclusive process towards developing a National Water and Sanitation Master Plan through a workshops that was held at its King William's Town office. The reason for developing the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan is to show how, when, and by whom the obligation of the Constitution, National Development Plan, Sustainable Development Goals, etc. could be achieved by 2030.

The Water and Sanitation Master Plan is an initiative of the department led by Minister Mokonyane as the custodian and sector leader of water issues in the country. It seeks to engage key stakeholders on water and sanitation delivery. The master plan will take into account the current and future needs of water and sanitation service delivery.

It is estimated that R115 billion is needed to be able to supply water from 2017 to 2035. Out of the R115billion, R96 billion is envisaged for water and R19billion for sanitation provisioning.

The second water and sanitation master plan workshop will take place before the end of the current financial year 2017/2018 once all the provinces have held their individual workshops to give feedback or present to the relevant stakeholders their inputs on the draft master plan. When the final water and sanitation draft master plan has been concluded, it will be submitted to the Minister in preparation for tabling to the Cabinet.

Government has an obligation to ensure that all people in South Africa will have access to potable water and dignified sanitation services. The water and sanitation sector in South Africa faces continuously evolving challenges as the demands and patterns of water use change with changing social, environmental, economic and technological factors.

To adequately respond to the evolving challenges, South Africa requires an inclusive water and sanitation plan, which supports other broader initiatives like the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, National Development Plan, National Water Resource Strategy and Medium Term Expenditure Framework.



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