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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS to develop a water and sanitation master plan

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), working with relevant stakeholders in the water sector, will start an inclusive process to develop a National Water and Sanitation Master Plan through a series of workshops around the country. The workshops will commence in the Eastern Cape on Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at the department's auditorium in King William's Town at 10:00. 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.

Government has an obligation to ensure that all people in South Africa 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, the National Development Plan, National Water Resource Strategy and Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

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