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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **DWS's Deputy Minister Tshwete to confer awards on learner for excellence**

28 September 2017

The Deputy Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Mrs Pamela Tshwete, will tomorrow, Friday 29 September 2017, bestow awards on learners across the country at Birchwood Hotel, Boksburg, in the City of Ekurhuleni.

The Minister will acknowledge the hard work of the learners who had participated during the national adjudications. These included the programmes such as the South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP), Aqua Enduro, Baswa Le Meetse (Youth in Water) and Public Speaking competitions that took place early this year.

In the light of the chronic shortage of water in the country, the programmes also seek to address skills shortage and promote innovation in addressing water conservation.

The programmes also seek to create awareness on water use efficiency, health and hygiene and to create interest in the learners to pursue careers in the water sector.

A total of 7 learners from the Eastern Cape will be transported to Boksburg to receive their awards. The learners come from various school in the province which included Zingisa Comprehensive School, Holycross High School, Atwell Madala High School in Mthatha. Others are from Little Flower High School in Qumbu and Kuyasa High School in Dimbaza, King William's Town.

The SAYWP winner will receive a full bursary, laptop and certificate. The Aqua Enduro and Public Speaking winners will receive full bursaries and certificates.

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