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Minister Mokonyane launches Water Infrastructure Summit to lure investment in water sector

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, today, 06 November 2017, officially launched the Water Infrastructure Investment and Stewardship Summit which is due to take place on 30 November 2017.

Announcing the summit during a media briefing held at Park Hyatt Hotel in Rosebank, Minister Mokonyane said the upcoming summit would see the convergence of experts, policy-makers and practitioners, various organisations and individuals who have a keen interest in the business of water.

Minister Mokonyane said the summit was to get the participation of an array of players in the water space, especially creating an enabling environment for them to invest in the water sector, adding that summit aimed at reconstructing the country in line with the National Development Plan (NDP), Vision 2030.

She said investment in water was vital to the economic success of the country, citing the Richards Bay Desalination Plant in KwaZulu-Natal as an example of what could be achieved when the various stakeholders work together, thus achieving the ideal of security of water supply in the province.

“To close the gap in South Africa, constructive dialogue and joint collaboration with all stakeholders is the only way forward. We need to forge partnerships to achieve the impact and results we need in order to ensure South Africa’s water secure future towards climate resilience,” Minister Mokonyane said.

Minister Mokonyane said a number of initiatives were underway to understanding the gap in water infrastructure investment.

She said: “Part of this process is the need to understand the actual investment gap that exists in the water and sanitation space.”

She said the summit would focus on two strategic areas, namely the dialogue and planning and water investment stewardship programme.



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