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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **World Water Monitoring Day reminds of the importance of water quality**

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Water is an absolute essential of human life and every form of life that we know of requires it to exist. Water quality is crucial for clean and healthy water and healthy people and the environment. On 18 September, South Africa led by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will join the whole world in celebrating World Water Monitoring Day to put water quality on top of the agenda.

The World Water Monitoring is basically about water quality and the protection of the world water resources. The day is a reminder that it is time to check your water and a way to make sure that everyone has access to clean fresh water.

To ensure that water quality is taken seriously, the EarthEco Water Challenge, formerly known as the World Water Monitoring Challenge, which runs from World Water Day on 22 March to 31 December each year was introduced. The EarthEco Water Challenge builds public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by engaging citizens to conduct basic monitoring of their local waterbodies. Protecting the quality of water in our water resources is a critical part of ensuring the overall health of the environment and our communities.

Let us protect our water resources and refrain from polluting them to ensure that we all have access to fresh, clean and high quality water for the benefit of all living beings and the environment. Water is life and the acceptable quality standard is required for a healthy nation and environment.

Water is life and has no substitute, so it is crucial that we protect our water resources to enjoy fresh water and a sustainable supply for our generation and future generations.



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