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## Minister Nkwinti opens WISA Conference

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**Cape Town:** Today, 25 June Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr. Gugile Nkwinti, delivered the opening address at the sitting of the 2018 Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) Biennial Conference.

Themed “Breaking barriers, connecting ideas”, the conference seeks to address past, existing and future water resource challenges by promoting collaboration, cooperation and integration within the water sector.

Delivering his opening address, Nkwinti said the conference provides a vibrant forum for exchange of information and views to improve water resource management and water service provision in Southern Africa. “ it is in this conference where sustainable long term mechanism to increase the level of competency and education in the water sector must be discussed, considered and proposals made for improving human capacity in this sector” Nkwinti said.

Meanwhile at the conference Minister Nkwinti, together with his Netherlands counterpart, also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will see the 2 countries working together in water resource management for the next 4 years.

This 3 day conference will conclude on Wednesday 27 June and will see over 200 exhibition stalls showcasing water technologies aimed at promoting vibrant solutions to water challenges.

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