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South Africa and China signs MOU on water resources cooperation

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The Department of Water and Sanitation Minister Gugile Nkwinti has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of water resources with the People's Republic of China Minister E Jingping on Monday, 03 September 2018 in China.

The MoU seeks to establish and reinforce co-operation between South Africa and China on the efficient utilization, management and sustainable development of water resources including establishing a long-term co-operative relationship on the basis of equity and mutual benefit.

The two governments have mutually agreed on the following areas of co-operation:

- (a) Enacting and implementation of water policies, laws and regulations;
- (b) Integrated management and utilisation of water resources;
- (c) Comprehensive river basin planning;
- (d) Comprehensive utilisation of rain water;
- (e) Planning, designing, construction, operation and maintenance of water-related infrastructures;
- (f) Small hydropower development;
- (g) Hydrology and water resources monitoring;
- (h) Groundwater utilisation, protection and management;
- (i) flood control, draught relief and disaster mitigation;
- (j) Climate change impacts on water resources and countermeasures;
- (k) Coordination and cooperation in international water events;
- (l) Training and capacity building; and
- (m) Other fields of mutual interests.

The working agreement between these two countries comes as a state visit to China by President Cyril Ramaphosa is presently underway, aimed to foster bilateral relations.



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To ensure that the MoU is implemented accordingly, a Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for Cooperation on Water Resources Management has been established and will be co-chaired by Heads of the Competent Authorities.

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