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Water Month kicks off in March

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) celebrates water month during the month of March annually as Water Month. DWS will be engaging in public awareness activities throughout the country, culminating as Water Week and beyond, spreading water conservation messages of “Saving water is everyone’s responsibility” and “Every drop counts”.

The month boasts a number of activities starting from 18-24 March this year. World Water Day also falls within the week and is celebrated on 22 March.

The national theme is “**Access to safe water by 2030-possible through nature**”. The Department takes note of the global climate change challenges which are reshaping the way in which one thinks about themselves, the societies as well as humanity’s place on earth. Climate change is the environmental phenomenon which has exacerbated the drought engulfing the country and some parts of the world. It also adds stress on the water sector by affecting quality of water and further reduces availability of the already limited resources.

DWS Free State Province has already started the celebration of Water Month together with several municipalities. As this week is the official Water Week, there will be two events on 23 March 2018 with one in partnership with the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (Destea). This is where World Water Day will be celebrated in Marquard at Mohlodi-Thuto Intermediate School. There will also be activation by DWS and Coca-Cola at Bloem Plaza Mall in front of Debonairs on the same date.

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