



## water & sanitation

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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Water competition gets learners involved in water management

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The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Water and Sanitation will be hosting provincial adjudication of the South African Youth Water Prize competition (SAYWP) at the Provincial Office in Durban on Friday 20 April 2018.

The South African Youth Water Prize is a youth competition of the Department of Water and Sanitation that targets grades 9 to 11 learners to identify problems related to water in their school and communities, conduct research and come up with innovative recommendations to solve the problems.

The aim of the competition is to encourage learners to protect water resources and to use water efficiently. The competition also aims to motivate learners to pursue careers in water and sanitation management.

The provincial winners will represent their province during the national SAYWP competition scheduled to take place later this year where all provincial winners will compete against each other. The national winner will then represent South Africa at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition in Sweden which will be taking place at the same time as the Stockholm World Water Week.

The first three national winners will be awarded with bursaries from the department to pursue careers in the water sector, as well as cash prizes and computers. The first prize winners will exclusively be awarded with allowance for the trip, cash prizes and computers or laptops.

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