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Artistic and innovative learners to represent Mpumalanga at the water and sanitation youth summit

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Creative, artistic and innovative primary school learners from the Mpumalanga Province will represent the Province as Provincial champions and strut their stuff against learners from the other eight provinces in a bid to become national Baswa Le Meetse champions during the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Youth Summit to be held from 23 to 28 June 2019. The learners will be competing in different art forms with Khuthalani Primary School from Tweefontein in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality competing in the drama category, Homozeya Primary School from Mkhuhlu in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality competing in the praise poetry category, Hendrina Primary School from Hendrina in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality competing in the poetry category, Benjamin Primary School from Matsulu in the City of Mbombela competing in the traditional music category and Bukhosibetfu Primary School from Kamhlushwa in Nkomazi Local Municipality competing in the poster category.

The Baswa Le Meetse competition is one of the key projects in the 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme aimed at enticing the youth to actively participate in the water sector and become water ambassadors. The Baswa le Meetse project targets learners in the grades of the foundation phase in schools and it uses art as a medium to get the message across. Art is recognized as a powerful tool for educating society about water, sanitation,



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invasive alien plants, health and hygiene, and the protection of the water resources. The message is spread across through art forms that include music, drama, poetry, praise poetry and posters.

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