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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Two KZN learners carry SA hopes at Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition

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The Department of Water and Sanitation is continuously unearthing young talent that is making an indelible mark in water conservation models that compete internationally

Two South African learners, Kiara Chetty and Calden Gounden, from Star College in Durban (KwaZulu-Natal), will this weekend jet off to represent the country at the annual Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition.

The pair took the crown at the 20th National South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) Competition following an impressive innovation that went to the core of modernising water resource management efforts in the country.

They will be competing with other learners from all over the world on scientific water projects in Stockholm, Sweden.

The Stockholm World Water Week (SWWW) is an annual focal point for the globe's water issues. It is a meeting place for scientists, policy-makers and private sector to network, exchange ideas and foster new thinking around the most pressing water related challenges. It inspires collaborative action dealing with the current water challenges and provides an opportunity for leaders to engage on solution and policy considerations that could bring changes with bridging the divide between science, policy and practice.

The grade 11 learners earned themselves full bursaries from the Department of Water and Sanitation, prize money and the opportunity to represent South Africa in Stockholm.

The pair's innovation is a Hydro-Conservation which intends to reduce the quantity of water that is wasted in households across South Africa daily during showering and handwashing process.

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