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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Western Cape water situation

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) wishes to update citizens about the Western Cape water situation.

“The Western Cape in recent days experienced good rains which fell on the catchments and we are anticipating improved rain storage in our dams in the near future.” says Sputnik Ratau National spokesperson of Department of Water and Sanitation.

According to the weekly hydrological report of 10 June 2019, the combined average dam levels for the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) are at 47.51% a notable increase as compared to 31, 51% during the same period last year.

Ratau says what is even pleasing is the significant turnaround of the dams levels of Misverstand and Stettynskloof Dams which both increased by 5% as compared to last week. Ratau further says the need for water saving should be inculcated by all to face challenges associated with climate change. He said the use alternative water sources (recycling, rain-harvesting i.e.) should be intensified to complement the rainfall.

As part of water resource management DWS will embark on Clear River Campaign in July which is aimed at cleaning and rehabilitating rivers and other water systems. This campaign is associated with noble partnership from community volunteers, private sector and Non-Governmental organization. DWS is in process of coordinating activities and will publish the campaign schedules on various media platforms.

DWS is continually monitoring the dam levels and modelling the outcomes and impacts and wishes to assure the water users it is bound to continuously provide information through publication of dam levels “Water is life, Sanitation is Dignity”

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