

1. BACKGROUND

The Baswa Le Meetse (Youth in Water) Award aims to recognise the achievements of our youth in their efforts of educating our society about integrated water resources management, promoting water use efficiency as well as health & hygiene.

The award precedes with district auditions, provincial competitions and national competitions.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) Increase awareness, knowledge and practice of learners on issues of integrated water resource management.
- b) To encourage active participation of learners in the management of water resources in their schools and communities.
- c) Stimulate interest of the youth in water and sanitation and encourage them to pursue careers in water resource management and sanitation.
- d) Promote health and hygiene awareness and education.
- e) Promote good hygiene practices.
- f) Increase awareness and action around removal of invasive alien plants.
- g) Revive arts & culture in schools, and involve learners and teachers in good water practices.

3. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Intermediate Phase learners; Learners initiate a water/sanitation project within their school and use creativity and innovation to artistically sensitise their communities about what they have been involved in.

The project could focus on any of the DWS themes of water use efficiency, access to water, water quality, sustainable practices, greening and health and hygiene.

The educators, learning area coordinators, facilitators of Arts & Culture are requested to encourage the learners to participate in this competition.

N.B District finalists will be selected in October. The provincial winners will be adjudicated at the provincial level in March and the national winners in June respectively the following year.

4. CATEGORIES

Participation is encouraged in the following categories:-

- a) Music
- b) Poetry
- c) Drama
- d) Poster
- e) Praise poetry

5. THEME

“Water is life, Sanitation is dignity”

6. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- a) Intermediate Phase learners in government or private schools will enter the competition.
- b) A school can participate in a maximum of two (2) art forms only.
- c) National winner schools who obtained position one (no 1) in the previous year will not participate again for a year in all the categories.
- d) The Baswa le Meetse organisers reserve the rights to verify the grade and age of the child.
- e) Scripts/synopsis for all categories must be relevant to the theme.
- f) All schools will submit profiles before district competitions according to the time frames stated by the project coordinators. If profiles are not submitted within the stipulated time frames the school will be disqualified.
- g) The behavioural change at the school level will be assessed.
- h) The Baswa le Meetse competitions are not open to immediate family members of the Baswa le Meetse organising team or immediate family members of provincial or national panels.
- i) The decision of the Baswa le Meetse adjudicators is final and binding.
- j) Learners are required to present their own work for adjudication.

- k) Arrangement for an interpreter will be made in situations where the learner will be using a language other than English to explain his or her work to the adjudicators.
- l) Educators are not allowed to be adjudicators.
- m) The participating schools will only have access to their score sheets if requested.
- n) There will be no appeal process.

7. HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- a) Complete the registration form (last page of the brochure).
- b) Applications can be posted, emailed or hand delivered to the regional office Department of Water and Sanitation.
- c) Call the nearest office of the Department of Water and Sanitation for more information.
- d) Receipt of application forms will be acknowledged.

SUPPORT FOR INTERESTED SCHOOLS/ LEARNERS

The Department of Water and Sanitation will ensure that support, guidance and assistance are provided to interested learners. Baswa le Meetse guidelines will be distributed to the educators of the participating schools.

8. JUDGING CRITERIA

Participants will be judged according to the following criteria:-

- Subject knowledge
- Relevance
- Originality
- Creativity
- Presentation

9. SELECTION OF PROCESS

An adjudication panel, which will be composed of representatives from various institutions, will judge the project based on the above criteria. A selection process will take place at district, provincial and national level.

ENTRY FORM



Name of the Group or Learner/s:

Name of the School:

Grade:

Physical School Address:

Postal address:

School contact person & contact details:

Email address:

Dept. of Education District:

Town/ City:

Province:

Mark with an x the category you are interested in:

- Music Poetry Drama
 Poster Praise Poetry

11. PRIZES

Please note that 50% of the prizes won will be for the learners and it must be spent on their educational needs.
The remaining half will be sent on purchasing school resources

12. IMPORTANT DATES

Closing dates for submission of registration forms:	September
District auditions:	October
Provincial competitions:	March
National competitions:	June

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