

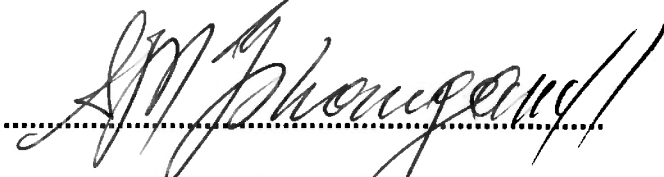


DECLARATION
Blue Deal
RSA / Dutch Partnership

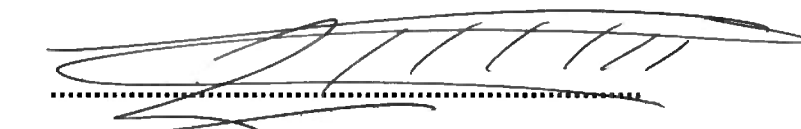
The Department of Water and Sanitation and the Dutch Water Authorities

1. In 2012 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and the Department of Water and Sanitation. This MoU was renewed during the Cape Town WISA conference in 2018. Under this MoU a long lasting partnership between the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Dutch Water Authorities was established;
2. The partnership will continue within the Dutch Blue Deal Programme, which has a global goal to improve the water situation of 20 million people in 40 catchments by the year 2030;
3. The specific focus areas for the Blue Deal South Africa Programme are based on the National Water & Sanitation Master Plan (NW&SMP) and the Sustainable Development Goals. As such, the programme aims to make a real contribution to improving rivers and wetlands in a poor ecological condition and assisting in the Water Conservation. The Blue Deal South Africa Programme builds on experiences of the Kingfisher programme, and brings the collaboration to a next level.
4. The Department of Water and Sanitation has partnered with WRC, SALGA, and COGTA / MISA and Umgeni Water to develop and implement realistic solutions which will assist in improving the water resources and water services in the following catchments:
 - a. the Crocodile River Project in the Inkomati – Usuthu Water Management Area
 - b. the Vredefort Dome / Parys Project in the Upper - Vaal Water Management Area
 - c. the Blesbokspruit Project in the Upper - Vaal Water Management Area
 - d. the Msunduzi River Project in the Pongola – uMzimkulu Water Management Area
 - e. the Learning Strategy to disseminate the lessons learned by these projects to other areas with similar problems.

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