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DWS partners with Kingdom of Denmark and various private organizations to save water

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Many hands make light work would be the best suited to describe today's atmosphere as various local and international water stakeholders put their heads together in tackling the issues of Industrial Water Efficiency. This happened as the National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa hosted various organisation for an Industrial Water Efficiency Workshop today in Germiston, Gauteng.

The event held in partnership with Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the Denmark Ministry of Environment and food, Strategic Water Partners Network (SWPN) and Grundfos saw delegates address various water quantity and quality challenges in the country and possible solutions to mitigate this.

During her address DWS' Deputy Director-General for Planning and Information Ms Deborah Mochotlhi said she was very impressed that the private sector has as of lately heed the call by the Department to join force in introducing new methods of water conservation, thus contributing to water demand management.

Various organisations took pride in their work as they presented several water saving initiatives, from those that use bio-degradable waterless products in their car washes to the possibility of recycling excess saline mine water for agricultural irrigation as well as the introduction of the No-Drop incentive based monitoring developed to encourage progress in water use efficiency and water loss management by South African Municipalities

"The main objective of today's workshop is to engage industries on industrial water use efficiency initiatives, what it is that industries can do to and how we as the Government from the policy and strategic framework work together with them to reduce water use or use water efficiently ", Ms Mochotlhi said.

The DDG gave a keynote address, together with representatives from other organisations, highlighting DWS policy standing on efficient water use by huge industries using the Integrated Water Resources Management as an approach.

The Department of Water and Sanitation signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the



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Government Of Denmark in the field of water sector, water use and water sources that underpin a balanced social, environmental and economically sustainable development within the UN post-2015 sustainable development framework. The MoU was signed in 2015.

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