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Professional development emphasized at the Youth Indaba

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The Department of Water and Sanitation as part of its Youth Month activities on Wednesday, 28 June 2017 held the first day of the Youth Indaba at the Lakes Hotel in Benoni.

The programme, which will take place over the next three days, is held under the theme “**Youth Moving South Africa Forward,**” and looked into three areas that are at the centre of sustainable youth empowerment, which are Job Creation, Entrepreneurship and Skills Development.

The Youth Indaba targeted young participant and young professionals from different spheres of government within the Water and Sanitation sector namely; Water Boards, Water service authorities and civil society.

The Indaba aims to create a platform for young people to promote personal and professional development, increase enthusiasm in the youth to pursue careers in the water sector and to address the challenges facing youth today.

Speaking in one of sessions Dr Lester Goldman the Chief Executive Officer of Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) emphasised the importance of professional development in one’s career.

Dr Lester sighted competency, ethical behaviour and relevance as core elements required for one to develop their career regardless of the profession they are in.

The programme seeks to facilitate conversations with the youth on the achievements and progress made on the DWS Youth Development Strategy, facilitate the development of a Youth Development roadmap as well as come up with solutions to meet the challenges that face young people.

The programme will continue over the next two days with the last day providing feedback on all the discussions that would have taken place to carve a roadmap towards sustainable youth development initiatives.

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