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DWS meet to discuss the National Water and Sanitation Resources and Services Strategy

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) met from 02 – 03 October 2017 to dissect the National Water and Sanitation Resources and Services Strategy (NWSRSS1) obligations at Roodeplaat Training Centre, Pretoria.

The aim was to review the National Water Resources Strategy (NWRS2) that was developed in 2013 to check its success and failures.

The interactive process was attended by nominated chapter leaders who were part of the development of various sections of the draft NWSRSS1. These leaders presented their constituencies including commenting and receiving inputs on how to capacitate the process.

Deliberations centred on the development of an inclusive strategy that must achieve equitable and sustainable water and sanitation resources and services to support socio-economic growth and development for current and future generations.

In her address, Project Coordinator, Ms Marie Brisley said that “The NWSRSS1 sets out the vision, principles, goals and strategic actions for achieving effective water and sanitation developmental resources and services management to achieve an inclusive, sustainable and equitable economy”.

“This exercise is a legislative mandate derived from the National Water Act that instructs the department to establish the water resource management strategy”, said Ms Brisley. The strategy will be gazetted for public comment during the first quarter of 2018.

Ms Brisley called on the public to participate, adding that that the strategy belongs to the sector and that everyone should be afforded the opportunity to give their inputs.

“We are calling on all stakeholders to make use of this opportunity air their views and capacitate this strategy to give it direction to impact positively on the water resource management expectations. Every water user, relevant government departments and civil society will be responsible for the implementation of this strategy”, noted Ms Brisley.

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