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Khaliphani Secondary School crowned champions of a flagship Science Competition

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Khaliphani Secondary School from Kanyamazane in the City of Mbombela was crowned the 2017 National Water Week Science Schools competition champions at an educational event held at the Mbombela Stadium on Saturday, 25 March 2017.

Khaliphani brushed aside intense competition from 27 other schools from all over the Mpumalanga Province. Bushbuckridge Secondary School took second prize and the third prize went to Guduza Secondary School. The science schools competition calls on schools from around the Mpumalanga Province to develop innovative water purification models. The models are then tested in terms of the water quality and the prevention of water lost in the process as every drop counts.

For their efforts, the learners were rewarded with cash vouchers and tablets, educators received cash vouchers and trophies for the schools. The prizes were sponsored by Sappi, Rand Water and Sembcorp-Silulumanzi. All participating learners and educators received certificates.

The competition is coordinated by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with its agencies, the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA) and Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) and the Department of Education in partnership with other water sector stakeholders.

In his address, the Acting Provincial Head, Mr Masala Mulaudzi encouraged all water institutions and stakeholders to work together for water security. To the learners he emphasized that there will be no losers and encouraged those who will not be in the top three to go back and improve their work.



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“We feel very excited, shocked and surprised at the same time. Our model was not working as we planned but we managed to purify the water. We would like to thank the organizers and sponsors for such an initiative”, said Siphesihle Mabizela from the winning Khaliphani team.

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