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Learners Encouraged to Save Water

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Primary School learners in the Mpumalanga Province were reminded of the importance and centrality of water in life during an awareness event held at the Valencia Community Hall on 17 March 2017.

In outlining the purpose of the event, Dr Thomas Gyedu-Ababio of the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency called on educators to teach and encourage learners to save water and to protect the water resources as water is life.

The Acting Provincial Head of the Department of Water and Sanitation, Mr Masala Mulaudzi encourage the participating learners to take a lead in water conservation and the protection of water resources and also encouraged the learners to consider careers in the water sector.

“The future of the country is sitting here today. If you see a leaking tap or burst pipe, you must report it so that it gets fixed quick to prevent the loss of precious water. Every drop counts. Water is the most precious resource and does not have a substitute which makes water conservation critical. As we celebrate Human Rights, it is important to remember that access to water is a human right. As government, our responsibility is to ensure that no one drinks water directly from the rivers”, he said.

The learners delivered outstanding performances highlighting the importance of water conservation and resource protection. Benjamin Primary School took first position in both the drama and poetry categories. In the drama category, Funindlela Primary got second position and the third prize went to Mhwayi Primary School. In the poetry category, Funindlela Primary also took second prize and the third prize went to Sichelulwati Primary. Dasha Foundation School for disabled children took the first prize in the visual art category followed by Tenteleni Primary and the third prize went to Bukhosibetfu Primary.

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