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NWRI: Central Operation officials celebrate heritage day in style.

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For the first time ever, the National Water Resource Infrastructure (NWRI): Central Operation office celebrated heritage day out of its offices.

The South African Government has set aside September as an annual thematic month for Heritage celebrations. This year National Heritage Day celebration event was held on Sunday, 24 September in Siyabuswa, Mpumalanga Province.

On Tuesday, 26 September 2017 NWRI: Central Operation office together with the Gauteng Provincial Office celebrated heritage day at Roodeplaats Training Centre.

The purpose of the event was to showcase different traditional attire and to celebrate cultural diversity of our country.

Mr Mothapo William, the Programme Director from Central Operation office said "It is an honour and pleasure for me to be part of the celebration as I recently joined the department and I would like to encourage all cultural groups to take part in the programme".

Director of Water Regulation from Gauteng Provincial Office, Mr Donald Mabada delivered the keynote address on the day.

"Heritage Day recognises and celebrates the cultural wealth of our nation. South Africans celebrate the day by remembering the cultural heritage of many tribes that make up the population of South Africa, represented today here by the colourful tradition outfits you are wearing", said Mabada

Various traditional groups were showcasing their outfits, prepared traditional foods for testing, explained their traditional history and performed their cultural dance in the stage.

Avhatakali Nemukula from Central Operation said "Our Venda group was prepared and organised. We gave ourselves time to practice the dance and to find the attire even though it is very difficult to find everything here in town".

The Xitsonga traditional group won the first prize because the group was very well organised, the traditional food was testing better than other groups, the attire and their traditional decoration was beautiful.

According to Afrikaans speaking group, the Xibelani dance that was performed by Xitsonga traditional group made everyone laughed and enjoyed the event.

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