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Deputy Minister Tshabalala engage women in water resource management to wrap up Women's Month

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's Deputy Minister, Ms Judith Tshabalala, addressed women in the water sector at the Women in Water Resource Management event, held on 29 August 2023, at Msinsi Bon Accorde in Pietermaritzburg.

The event was coordinated by Msinsi Holdings, which manages the water resources of uMgeni-uThukela Water owned dams and the dams that uMgeni-uThukela Water manages on behalf of the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Deputy Minister Tshabalala praised all the women present at the ceremony and expressed her appreciation for the role they play in biodiversity and water pollution prevention programmes carried out to preserve water infrastructure in KwaZulu-Natal. She called on the women to stand tall and speak up for what they believe in.

"As women, we must not accept it when men lay their hands on us," said deputy Minister Tshabalala. She further encouraged women to speak-up when they are being abused.

Deputy Minister Tshabalala re-energized the group of women by telling them about a song by James Brown, titled "***It's a Man's World***". The song states that though it's a man's world, it wouldn't be nothing without a woman.

"Women in South Africa possess unique qualities, skills, and have capabilities to contribute to making South Africa better." said Deputy Minister Tshabalala. She did not mince her words when she fervently spoke about the women who marched against pass laws in 1956. She indicated that it was women who took a bold stand against the white apartheid regime.

"South Africa commemorates Women's Month in August not only to honour the past, but also to invigorate the ongoing pursuit of equality, justice, and employment for all." Deputy Minister Tshabalala said.

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In conclusion, she applauded women in the water sector, saying their contribution to preserve water in their communities is invaluable.

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