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Northern Cape school bags DWS National South African Youth Water Prize Competition

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Kelebogile Abrahams and Mahlohonolo Mosia from Northern Cape, Emang-Mmogo Comprehensive School, will be flying to Stockholm in Sweden to represent the country at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition this year in August.

They are the winners of the National South African Youth Water Prize Competition, held by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on the 19th of May 2023 in Boksburg.

The annual competition was kick-started by the learners from Eastern Cape Province who showcased their water and sanitation project, followed by Limpopo Province.

The third position was taken by Western Cape Province, while the second position was taken by Gauteng Province.

The aim of the programme is to encourage learners to protect water resources, to use water efficiently, and furthermore, to motivate them to pursue careers in the water sector.

All learners who participated will be awarded full bursaries to pursue a career in the water sector after completing their matric. As soon as they complete their tertiary studies through the departmental bursary, they will then be absorbed by the department as Graduate Trainees for a period of three years.

The competition, which targets grades 9 to 11 learners, started in nine provinces and all the winners from the provinces were now competing nationally. The process was exciting and heart-warming. Witnessing learners so absorbed and enthusiastic as they presented their projects to the adjudicators was gratifying. The innovative recommendations that they came up with was testimony enough that the future is in the hands of the youth.

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