

MEDIA ADVISORY

Clear Rivers Campaign in Northern Cape

11 July 2017

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is embarking on a National Clear Rivers Campaign as part of its Mandela Month activities for the month of July. This annual campaign will see the DWS cooperating with various water sector stakeholders and communities across South Africa to clean rivers.

Given that the country is currently recovering from one of the worst droughts in decades; the campaign seeks to create environmentally conscious communities by engaging them in promoting awareness and protecting our water resources. Volunteerism is actively encouraged as part of a proactive approach to protect our rivers, streams, wetlands and other water ecosystems.

In the Northern Cape, the area identified for cleaning is in the Siyacuma Local Municipality where illegal dumping is threatening to pollute the Orange River system.

All media are invited as follows:

Date : 18 July 2017

Venue: Bosman Canals, Douglas

Time : 11:00am

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