

MEDIA ADVISORY

Department of Water and Sanitation WC to stage South African Youth Water Prize Competition in George

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will hold the Western Cape South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) Provincial Competition in George on Saturday the 05th May 2018 under the 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Programme.

SAYWP is a science and technology collaboration between the DWS and the Stockholm Water Foundation in Sweden. The objective of this competition is to promote the protection of the country's natural resources and increase awareness amongst young people.

The programme also exposes and advances the interest of youth in science and technology, while motivating them to pursue water and sanitation careers. This programme is targeted at Grades 9-11 learners who identify problems related to water in their school and community, conduct research and come up with innovative recommendations to solve such problems.

Learners from George High, Knysna High as well as Vredenburg High will be competing for position one under the theme "Awareness and sustainability of water resource management". The winning school will represent the province during the national competition in Pretoria later this month and possibly represent the country in Stockholm, Sweden, during the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competing against more than 27 countries.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date : 05 May 2018

Time : 08h00-13h00

Venue : DWS George office, York Street, behind Checkers.

To RSVP please contact Ms. Phetho Ntaba at 082 809 2031/ 021 941 6290 or <u>NtabaP@dws.gov.za</u>

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