



MEDIA ADVISORY

Innovative and water savvy learners to compete for Provincial Water Purification and Conservation prize

29 March 2021

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), as the sector leader, in partnership with the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA) and other sector partners including the private sector will be hosting the Provincial Science Schools competition as part of the National Water Month awareness celebrations on 30 March 2021.

DWS has declared March as the National Water Month to put the spotlight on the centrality and importance of water. This year, Water Month is celebrated under the theme “**Valuing water**” which is also this year’s theme for the World Water Day celebrated on the 22nd of March annually. The theme reminds people to take care of water resources and the importance of water conservation, especially in a water scarce country like South Africa as every drop counts.

The objective of the competitions is to raise awareness on Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and its role in the socio-economic development of the country. This is also intended to entice learners into following careers that would be beneficial to the water sector, given the shortage of suitably qualified individuals in this field. The competitions also aim to create water ambassadors for the promotion of water conservation and water resource protection in our communities.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date : 30 March 2021
Venue : Lowveld National Botanical Garden, Mbombela
Time : 09h00

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