



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **DWS and partners to commemorate World Toilet Day in Paarl and Wellington**

14 November 2023

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with the Drakenstein Municipality, the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and private partners including Cobra will commemorate the annual World Toilet Day in Paarl on Thursday, 16 November 2023, and in Wellington on Friday, 17 November 2023.

Although the launch will be in Paarl, the occasion cuts across all informal settlements and people who still have no proper sanitation services including rural areas and farms country wide.

The aim is to raise awareness about the daily struggle of people who do not have access to sanitation services and the health and hygiene challenges that come with lack of this important service.

With this campaign, government want to inspire action and join forces with all stakeholders in improving sanitation services across the country.

Lack of sanitation affects other developmental aspects and targets such as gender equality, health, environment and nutrition.

Every year, government spends tens of millions of rands to improve the sanitation in efforts to restore dignity.

#### **Members of the media are invited and attend the event as follows:**

**Date** : Thursday, 16 November 2023  
**Venue** : Open space in Kanarie Street, Amstelhof, Paarl  
**Time** : 09h00 – 11h00

**Date** : 17 November 2023  
**Venue** : Open space in Cnr Freedom & Bhongweni Street, Wellington  
**Time** : 09h00

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