



MEDIA ADVISORY

Department of Water and Sanitation and its entities in KwaZulu-Natal will cohost a week-long Youth Indaba

21 June 2023

The Department of Water and Sanitation in conjunction with its entities, Umgeni and Mhlathuze Water will host a National Water and Sanitation Youth Indaba from 26-30 June 2023 at the Durban International Convention Centre, which will bring under one roof young water and sanitation professionals with an aim of finding innovative ideas to convene solutions to challenges in the sector.

The Youth Indaba is part of the Department's Youth Month commemoration and aims to highlight available opportunities for youth development and educate the youth about their role within the water and sanitation sector by reflecting on Governmental plans and activities, amongst others.

Themed: "Accelerating Youth Economic Emancipation for a Sustainable Future", the Indaba seeks to encourage engagements, technical expertise and knowledge sharing among the youth in the sector, with a view of improving institutional governance, job creation, skills development, economic development, social cohesion and, ultimately, the youth contribution to service delivery to their communities.

Minister Senzo Mchunu will give a keynote address on day one of the Indaba on Monday, 26 June 2023 and will be supported by Deputy Minsters, David Mahlobo and Judith Tshabalala as well as Umgeni and Mhlathuze Water board members.

The young professionals will also be taken to an excursion at the Midmar Dam and a water treatment plant as well as the Darvill and Reuse site on Thursday, 29 June 2023.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

| Date | : 26 - 30 June 2023 |
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| Venue | : Durban International Convention Centre (ICC) |
| Time | : 08:00 - 16:00 |

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A detailed programme of the week-long Youth Indaba will be shared in due course and members of the media will be afforded an opportunity to engage with the young water and sanitation professionals.

For confirmations to attend the media briefing, please contact Mr Sanku Tsunke on 066 299 2915 or tsunkes@dws.gov.za.

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