



MEDIA ADVISORY

Induction workshop for Members of Mayoral Committees to focus on ways to improve the water and sanitation business.

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The Department of Water and Sanitation, South African Local Government Association and Cooperative Government & Traditional Affairs will conduct an induction workshop for Members of Mayoral Committees from all 14 Water Service Authorities in Eastern Cape, on the water and sanitation business following the release of Blue Drop, Green Drop and No Drop reports last December by the Department. This is done to assist councillors with decision making regarding water and sanitation matters.

Among the topics to be discussed is the Municipal Strategic Self-Assessment (MUSSA) and Municipal Priority Action Plans (MPAP). The Councillor Development Programme is centred around the MUSSA and MPAP programmes. The purpose of this module is to equip Councillors in these strategic areas that cover all aspects of the water business. MPAP will look at some of the challenges to be address such as revenue collection, financial management, operation & maintenance of assets, wastewater environmental safety, amongst others.

Additional topics will focus on measures to be taken to improve the provision of water and sanitation services. This module builds on the Department's recent Water Services Authorities' Summit that dealt with improving on the results of the Blue Drop, Green Drop and No-Drop programme. Some of the key module components include performance, implications and improvement of Blue Drop, Green Drop and No Drop results.

After the completion of the induction workshop, the Councillors will conduct an oversight visit to Nahoon Dam, aimed at providing an understanding of the water process flow and the value chain. Moreover, it will reflect on matters related to vandalism and illegal connection challenges that municipalities grapple with and discuss ways on how to mitigate the abovementioned challenges.

Members of the media are invited to attend the Councillor Induction Programme as follows:

Date : Thursday, 08 February 2024
Venue : East London Golf Course, Bunkers Hill, East London
Time : 09h00

Nahoon Dam oversight

Date : Friday, 09 February 2024
Venue : Nahoon Dam
Time : 09h00

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