



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## DM SeitIholo to commemorate Women's Month with DUT and WISA

29 August 2024

The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Deputy Minister Sello Seitlholo will give a keynote address at the National Women Seminar and launch of Women in Engineering and Built Environment Women Organisation jointly hosted by Water Institute of Southern Africa and Durban University of Technology on Friday, 30 August 2024.

The event to held at Durban International Convention Centre will be held under the theme "Celebrating 30 years of freedom towards Women's development" in honour of the 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings in 1956 in against the then pass laws.

The launch of Women in Engineering Built Environment Women Organisation is to ensure skills development and encourage professional women work in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields to redress the male dominated sector. This organization will serve as a platform to support, empower, and advocate for women pursuing careers in these fields.

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene sector is one of the most crucial and important sectors in our community, as water is the basis of all life and the backbone of community and sustainable development. Unfortunately, this sector has been heavily male dominated, with too little effort in gender mainstreaming and women empowerment.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date : 30 August 2024
Time : 09:00 - 16:00
Venue : Durban ICC

For media confirmations, contact Sinethemba Madolo on 063 501 0223/

MadoloS@dws.gov.za

Issued by the Department of Water & Sanitation

For more information, contact Dr Mandla Mathebula on 083 235 8675

For media releases, speeches and news visit the Water &Sanitation portal at: www.dws.gov.za

## **SOUTH AFRICA IS A WATER SCARCE COUNTRY**



