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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### Department of Water and Sanitation in Western Cape to launch renowned provincial schools water competition

**24 April 2025**

The Department of Water and Sanitation in the Western Cape will officially launch the provincial leg of the prestigious South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) competition on Saturday, 26 April 2025, at its offices in Bellville.

This annual competition challenges Grade 9 to 11 learners from high schools across the Western Cape to apply their maths and science knowledge to real-world water and sanitation issues. Participating schools are required to identify water and sanitation-related problems within their communities or schools and develop innovative, practical solutions.

The competition begins at provincial level and then proceeds to the national level. The national winner represents South Africa at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) in Stockholm, Sweden to compete with learners from 30 countries annually.

The initiative aims to ignite a passion for science, technology, and environmental stewardship among young South Africans while promoting awareness of integrated water resource management. It also encourages youth to consider careers in the water and sanitation sector.

In addition to participants from the Cape Metro, schools from the Garden Route, West Coast, and Central Karoo municipalities will also take part in this exciting activity.

#### Members of the media are invited as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 26 April 2025

**Venue:** DWS Provincial Head Quarters, 52 Voortrekker Road Bellville

**Time:** 10h00 – 16h00

For media confirmations, please contact Sandile Mawela on 060 766 3706 or [MawelaS@dws.gov.za](mailto:MawelaS@dws.gov.za)

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