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Deputy Minister Isaac Sello Seithloho to launch the first-ever Water and Sanitation Community Forum in Knysna Municipality

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr. Isaac Sello Seithloho, will officially launch the first-ever Water and Sanitation Community Forum for the Knysna Local Municipality on Thursday, 10 April 2025.

The Water and Sanitation Community Forum is an elected body that empowers local residents to raise and escalate water and sanitation concerns to the appropriate municipal, provincial, and national government structures. It serves as a vital platform for community engagement and accountability in service delivery.

During the launch, the Knysna Municipality will also present its action plan and provide an update on the implementation of various service delivery interventions.

Millions of rands are lost each year due to unaccounted-for water, vandalism, and ageing infrastructure. The Forum will play a key role in identifying and addressing these issues, working closely with stakeholders to ensure solutions are implemented.

To date, the Department has successfully established six Water and Sanitation Community Forums across the Western Cape, with Knysna's Forum marking a significant milestone in expanding community participation in service delivery oversight.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: Thursday, 10 April 2025

Venue: Knysna Town Hall

Time: 10h00 – 14h00

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