



MEDIA ADVISORY

Deputy Minister Seithloho to assess innovative sanitation projects in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, as part of a two-day awareness campaign on World Toilet Day

18 November 2025

Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Sello Seithloho will lead a two-day Sanitation Month awareness campaign on World Toilet Day, undertaken by the Department of Water and Sanitation jointly with Water Research Commission (WRC), the University of KwaZulu Natal and eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality on 19 - 20 November 2025 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.

The two-day campaign will showcase innovative sanitation projects that aim to address challenges and develop innovative solutions for sanitation services to the community of eThekweni.

World Toilet Day is observed annually on 19 November, and South Africa will join the world to commemorate the day. This year's theme is **"Sanitation in a changing world,"** highlighting the need for future-ready, climate-resilient sanitation systems in the face of challenges like climate change, urbanization, and inequality. The campaign's tagline is: **"We'll always need the toilet,"** which emphasises that safe sanitation is a constant necessity for health, dignity, and sustainable development.

Deputy Minister Seithloho will on Wednesday 19 November 2025 visit Ekuthuleni (Shallcross) Aquonic Sanitation Project, where WRC has developed the water efficient sanitation systems (WESS), a technological innovation that aims to eliminate open defecation and provide dignified and climate resilient sanitation services to members of the community. The site visit will be followed by a community engagement with Shallcross community members

On Thursday 20 November 2025, the Deputy Minister will lead a site inspection at KwaMashu Wastewater Treatment Plant, to assess the advanced sludge treatment technology called Latrine Dehydration and pasteurisation (LADEPA). Ladepa technology is used to treat mainly faecal sludge from on-site sanitation systems to produce dry pellets that are safe to handle

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and can be used as a soil conditioner. It was developed in partnership with WRC, eThekweni Municipality, and the University of Kwa Zulu Natal to find solutions for faecal sludge treatment.

Members of the media are invited to cover the two-day event as follows:

DAY 1

Date : 19 November 2025

Time : 10h00

Venue : Shallcross Aquonic Sanitation Project, Ekuthuleni (Shallcross), Durban.

***NB: The media Doorstop will take place at this site.**

DAY 2

Date : 20 November 2025

Time : 10h00

Venue : KwaMashu Wastewater Treatment Plant, KwaMashu, Durban.

***NB: The media Doorstop will take place at this site.**

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