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Deputy Minister Seitholo to celebrate Youth Month with young academics and entrepreneurs of Tsitsing Village, Rustenburg

15 June 2026

As part of Youth Month Commemorations on 16 June 2026, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Sello Seitholo will deliver a keynote address to the young academics, entrepreneurs, and professionals from Tsitsing Village and the surrounding areas of Rustenburg at the *Youth in Academia & Business Lekgotla*.

The Youth in Academia and Business Lekgotla, to be hosted by the Kgotla Ya Rakhudu, a Traditional Leadership in the area of Tsitsing, will focus on youth participation in nation-building, and the role of public service in driving youth development; shortage of skills in the water and sanitation sector; and the opportunities emerging from the sector for young South Africans.

It will also feature panel discussions, mentorship sessions, and networking opportunities aimed at bridging the gap between academic achievement and business practice from the youth.

Deputy Minister Seitholo will outline the Department of Water and Sanitation's intervention through its Learning Academy External Bursary Scheme, that provides bursaries yearly to prioritise the youth with qualifications that addresses South Africa's critical skill shortages in the water sector. He will detail how the Department helps to close this gap and also attract exceptional young and innovative talent.

Members of the media are invited to attend Deputy Minister Seitholo's engagement at the Youth in Academia and Business Lekgotla, and the details are as follows:

DATE: 16 June 2026

TIME: 08:30

VENUE: Excellence Corporate Centre, Tsitsing Village – Rustenburg

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