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Minister Majodina to hand over borehole in Bronkhorstspuit as part of International Women's Day commemoration

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Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, will officiate the handover of a newly completed borehole to the community of Bronkhorstspuit in the City of Tshwane in Gauteng, on Friday, 06 March 2026. The intervention is part of government's ongoing commitment to expanding reliable access to water and advancing women's empowerment through sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives.

The handover will take place at the Indlu Yokuthula Service Center in Sokhulum, Bronkhorstspuit, under the Department's International Women's Day 2026 Ministerial Engagement and the Water Month Flagship Programme.

This milestone not only improves local water access but also serves as a strategic platform to mobilise support for the Sector Wide Women in Water Programmatic Approach 2026–2030. The framework aims to strengthen gender mainstreaming across the water and sanitation sector, while advancing women's leadership, skills development, entrepreneurship, and economic participation.

The ministerial engagement will convene women leaders across the water sector, water boards and entities, business leaders, private sector partners, non-governmental organisations, civil society, rural women representatives, and educational institutions. Stakeholders are expected to pledge their commitment to accelerating opportunities for women and building a more inclusive and equitable water industry.

March is a month of landmark observances, including National Water Month, International Women's Day, and Human Rights Day. International Women's Day is commemorated globally on 08 March, drawing attention to gender equality and the empowerment of women, with a strong link to water issues. Meanwhile, National Water Month highlights progress in delivering water as a constitutional human right in South Africa, while acknowledging persistent challenges of water scarcity.

The programme also aligns to this year's United Nations (UN)'s World Water Day theme: **"Water and gender"**, with the slogan **"Where Water Flows, Equality Grows"**, which implore governments worldwide to centre women and girls in water solutions, ensuring their voices, leadership, and agency are fully recognised in water decision-making. The theme also highlights a transformative, rights-based approach to solving the water challenges.

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Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date : Friday, 06 March 2026
Venue : Bronkhorstspuit, City of Tshwane, Gauteng
Time : 09:00

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