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**WAYFORWARD ON THE WAR ON LEAKS WORKSHOP  
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Honourable Minister  
Dear Friends, Colleagues and Partners

I am happy that we have reached this another milestone as part of our work in this project.

Thank you once again for gracing this workshop and your invaluable contributions.

As we reach the end of this workshop I must say we are all better equipped and wiser than we were before.

Your guidance Honourable Minister has now placed this project to another level. Thank you for marshalling all of us to this direction.

Your participation, contributions and support will definitely go a long way in changing the complexion of this project.

Thank you for embracing this work in the name of our children and developmental local government.

In addition to the Department, Rand Water and EWSETA I would like to commit all of you as owners and responsible implementers of this project.

As the Department, we will ensure that we visit all the nine provinces to hold similar information sharing sessions and properly locate this project.

Regional Workshops are being planned to promote the War on Leaks project throughout the country.

Regions will now play a more active role on the ground promoting the War on Leaks project.

With your support, the Department will establish project coordinating structures in all provinces.

These structures will work with the service providers, municipalities, government departments and monitor project implementation in the respective provinces.

Through these structures the Department will identify other partners, more areas of collaboration and cooperation.

These are the structures that will visit the training facilities to ensure that training is undertaken under conditions conducive for learning.

All the trainees will be oriented to understand the basic aim of this training programme.

We must all explain and understand this training programme not as a substitute for employment but as a process to acquire a skill towards a particular career.

We must work together and mobilise municipalities and government departments for learner placements during and after completion of training.

The targeted learner placement with key stakeholders is underway to provide long term programme sustainability. Both public and the private sector will be targeted.

The South African Local Government Association will play a more active role in the adoption of learners into their workplaces.

War on Leaks Call centre will be launched by end November 2016. The call centre will be managed by people with disabilities.

As we put all these strategies, at the back of our minds must be the resolve to save the water resource and the financial resource that we pay through water losses.

The cost of purifying and water distribution comes at a high price and therefore we need to ensure good savings in that regard.

This savings can only be realised when we end water losses in all our municipalities.

Let us all go back to our provinces and work hard to ensure that there are less challenges and this programme is a success.

**I thank you**