



**STRATEGIC WATER PARTNERS NETWORK SECTOR NETWORKING SESSION
VOTE OF THANKS BY DEPUTY MINISTER, MS PAMELA TSHWETE
THE STRAND TOWER HOTEL, CAPE TOWN
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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen

The establishment of the Strategic Water Partners Network in November 2011 is beginning to bear fruit for us all.

This is a platform to work out mechanisms to improve the country's water management.

That work has started and it continues to cover more ground and improve over responses to the water situation in the country.

Firstly I must thank the World Economic Forum and 2030 Water Sector Resource Group the very first organisation who supported the Department in establishing this giant entity, the Strategic Water Partners Network.

Secondly I would like to thank Minister Nomvula Mokonyane for demonstrating her unwavering support to this entity when she took office in 2014 as the Minister of Water and Sanitation.

Secondly Minister thank you very much for presenting this well crafted budget. The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee is correct when he says, although it has been reduced but it remains revolutionary.

It is indeed a tool for social transformation of both rural and urban communities.

Thank you very much Mr Naidoo your reflections are spot on, the responsibility is upon us to show the world that we can do more with less resources.

The reflections by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research call upon all of us to take advantage of these available opportunities whilst working in partnership with small businesses.

Thank you, Mr Hero, for showing the importance of technology in the delivery of services, especially in water management.

It has been our view that we need partners in addressing our water challenges, I therefore fully agree with your submission. Thank you so much.



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Mr Makhubela I think we should align these ideas and continuously monitor where we are in the transformation of the water sector. Thank you for raising your points with so much commitment and clarity.

Lastly let me thank our host, the Strategic Water Partners Network and the individual companies making up this giant entity.

Your individual and collective contributions have been noted and I must say the Department is happy to have associates like yourselves at this time when we have to demonstrate capability and knowledge in the management of our water resource.

I thank you