

YESTERDAY, South Africa and the rest of the African continent celebrated Africa Public Service Day on the AU calendar. It originates from the conference of African ministers for public service held in Morocco in 1994.

It was decided then that June 23 should be celebrated annually as Africa Public Service Day to recognise the services provided by the public servants to the communities.

This year's Africa Public Service Day is observed at a time when Africa and the rest of the world

Saluting the heroes in the Covid-19 front line

are waging a war against Covid-19, which has infected millions of people around the world and claimed many thousands of lives.

In the context of the Department of Water and Sanitation, we salute the heroes and our heroines who are on the front line in flattening the curve of Covid-19.

Zolile Simawo, from the Department of Water and Sanitation in the Western Cape, prides himself on being one of the front-line service

officials in the Western Cape who went all-out to render essential services during the lockdown in a bid to flatten the Covid-19 curve.

"My day begins at 6am and ends at 9pm. Even before leaving my home for work, my day begins with going through my emails to check and respond to all emergencies," said Simawo.

"As a member of the Covid-19 Provincial Command Centre, I'm expected to report on progress

regarding the distribution and installation of water tanks and tankers within the province.

"On some occasions I'm expected to be at the depot where tanks are dispatched, as well as at sites where tanks are being installed, to ensure that all is going according to plan.

"We also salute thousands of public servants who are pulling out all the stops to deliver services to our communities in the face of Covid-19."

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