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#### **BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is the custodian of the Water and Sanitation Education Programme (WSEP). The Programme has a core project and action projects that all seek to disseminate water and sanitation messages with the hope to influence change in attitudes, behaviours and mindsets. The Programme is targeting school communities, especially learners to practice inclusive water management and to move towards resilient and sustainable communities in South Africa.

School communities will through these projects start a water and sanitation awareness conversation and pitch it high at all community levels. The messages are about the importance of saving water and taking care of our rivers and dams for communities to cope with water scarcity and ensure sustainability thereof.

### **CAREER PROMOTION (CP)**

Career Promotion is the Department of Water and Sanitation project that is implemented under the Water and Sanitation Education Programme (WSEP). The project promotes careers in the water sector, and it targets all high school learners. It is critical that learners obtain all the necessary information on water sector careers before entering Grade 10, as this is the grade in which they are expected to select subjects relevant to their career interests. WSEP Provincial Coordinators have to work closely with the Provincial Department of Education (DoE) Subject Advisors to get the annual schedule of the Career Exhibitions per district. The Department of Education normally takes the initiative, but if that does not happen Water and Sanitation Education Programme Provincial Coordinators can take a lead to organise the career exhibition events.

It is anticipated that in the end, active participation of learners in the Water and Sanitation Education Programme Career Promotion project will produce a cadre of new scientists, planners and practitioners equipped with appropriate skills for addressing complex interconnected water and sanitation challenges and again produce matured future scientists

readily available to take the responsibility for bringing solutions to integrated water and sanitation-related issues. Various government departments and water sector institutions shall be invited to the WSEP Career Promotion events to provide learners with adequate exposure to careers in the sector.

It is expected that the WSEP Provincial Coordinators encourage schools to honour and participate in Career Promotion initiatives. Provinces may invite National Office for support to any of these initiatives.

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