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Trevor Balzer takes a bow after 42 years of service

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Deputy Director General responsible for Emergency and Special Projects, Mr Trevor Balzer has handed over the baton to the next generation after 42 years in the public service and 24 years in the Department of Water and Sanitation.

His illustrious career started in 1977 and cut his teeth in the water sector in 1995 where he held a number of senior positions in the Department over the years.

Among the many hats he has won over the years includes being a:

- Registered Professional Civil Engineer
- Fellow of the South African Institution of Civil Engineers (FSAICE)
- Fellow of the South African Academy of Engineering (FSAAE)

He has extensive experience in both Water Services Provision and Water Resources Management and has, on many occasions, represented the Department on water matters in Africa and Globally.

In 2007 he was appointed as Special Adviser to Minister Lindiwe Hendricks and in 2009 was appointed as Chief Operations Officer for the Department under Minister Buyelwa Sonjica.

In a letter to his colleagues he wrote "It seems like just the other day that I started work as a graduate Civil Engineer (January 1977), fresh out of the University of Natal (now UKZN), 'bright eyed and bushy tailed' ready to solve the problems of mankind – and here I stand today (July 2019) about to step out of the Sedibeng Building to join the ranks of the retired".

He said he values the time spent at the Department of Water and Sanitation, in particular the friendships that he made and urged his fellow colleagues not to rest on their laurels and continue to work hard until there is universal access to water and sanitation.

Colleagues, former colleagues and family converged at St Anglican Church in Pretoria to bid farewell to the "Legend" on Tuesday, 30 July and speaker after speaker described his work ethic as par excellence.

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