



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **Vhembe District to represent Limpopo in Public Speaking category at National competitions**

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Three Grade 11 learners from Mbilwe High School in Vhembe District will represent Limpopo at the South African National Youth Water Prize competition next month after scooping the provincial competition in Polokwane last week.

The learners, Nemanashi Nyamunzhedzi, Mavhusha Mavhungu and Nemavhola Tshedza won the public speaking prize at an event that was held at Greenside Primary School outside Polokwane.

They piped nine schools from the province in the category of 'Public Speaking' and will join their peers in Johannesburg to vie for the national title. By virtue of participating at national level, they stand a chance of winning the coveted prize of accompanying the Minister of Water and Sanitation in August to represent the country at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

***This year's theme of the SA Youth Prize competition is "Lack of water and sanitation services limits economic growth and presents major challenges to social development"***. Ngukare Education Centre from Mopani District and Texila Secondary from Capricorn District scooped the second and third prize respectively. Their prizes include bursaries to study water related courses at university level.

The Department of Water and Sanitation, through the 2020 vision for water and sanitation education programme, introduced public speaking competitions with the aim to increase advocacy on water use efficiency, proper sanitation, exploring the use of ground water and threats to its quantity and quality in South Africa within the community at large. The competition targets Secondary School learners from grade 10 & 11.

Speaking on behalf of the learners, Mbilwe teacher, Mrs Mavhungu said: "I'm really grateful that my school will be participating at the National level; we never gave up on the competitions even when we did not win, so I encourage the schools that did not make it to





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continue trying and never give up. We promise to make our province proud at the National Competitions.”

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