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### Deputy Minister Mahlobo issues a stern warning on climate change seriously

The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo warned that should the global community not act with urgency, the effects of the First and Second World War will seem like picnics in comparison.

“The issues of Water wars of people having inferno caused by climate change will be one of the biggest challenges because there will be no grazing light,” he said emphatically.

He told leaders that addressing the matter of climate change should involve the people and be collaborative effort.

Mahlobo was speaking at the launch of the Climate Action and Support Transparency Training (CASTT) Adaptation Academy recently.

“This matter of climate change and water resilience must involve people therefore creating community organizations, working with NGOs, working with CBOs, working with traditional communities, institutions of higher learning, government is going to be a most impressive aspect”.

The CASTT Adaptation Academy is a multi-week training programme on the Paris Agreement, with a focus on the adaptation reporting aspects of the enhanced transparency framework (ETF).

The Adaptation Academy will aim to strengthen technical capacity for adaptation assessments, planning, policy frameworks and coordination across ministries and governance levels to act on climate change.

He noted that the Academy is an opportunity to introduce green economies as part of the post Covid19 recovery plans.

“We must also this opportunity to transform our economy – as part of our recovery plants- to have a transition into green economies.

“We have to also be in a position to collaborate in terms of research and development using this academy”, he emphasised.

Mahlobo appealed to the powers that be that scientists and researchers from South Africa should be considering to be part of the Academy .





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“We should be in a position to use indigenous knowledge of our people because they do possess a lot of experiences. Institute building must involve our people,” Mahlobo said.

Speaking on the pandemic Mahlobo said, although strides have been taken in terms of vaccine distribution, many first world countries continue to hoard vaccines

He said the global community has one fight at the moment and all leaders should together, fight it and not leave the smaller, disadvantaged countries behind.

Mahlobo reminded the world that due to urgency Covid19 caused other, equally fatal diseases have been forgotten.

“Your HIVs, Tuberculosis and all other diseases are being neglected. Issues of hunger and poverty are becoming of some issues on the back foot.

“The issue of sustainable goals that the United Nation’s have agreed to must never be forgotten,” said Mahlobo.

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