



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **Sanitation education taken to schools in Gert Sibande District**

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The Department for Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA) embarked on a week-long water conservation and career awareness campaign targeting rural schools in the Usuthu sub-catchment during the week of 24 – 28 May 2021.

The campaign targeted learners from schools such as Rev. SA Nkosi High, Warburton Combined, Zandelingspost Combined and Ubuhlebuzile High in the Gert Sibande District, Mpumalanga Province.

Ms Liketso Khaile from IUCMA outlined the role of the agency in water resources management and encouraged the learners to assist the institution in preventing the pollution of the water resources.

Mr Themba Khoza from DWS outlined the role of the Department and reminded the learners that South Africa is a dry and water scarce country. He called on the learners to play their part in ensuring water security by protecting the water resources and using the available water in a wise and conservative manner.

“I encourage you to be water ambassadors in your communities and ensure water security for the current and future generations”, he said.

As part of the awareness campaign, the learners were also exposed to careers in the water sector. Mr Thabiso Nkosi and Mr Sibonangaye Mkhathshwa from the IUCMA presented careers available in the sector and encouraged the learners to consider careers in the sector and play a role in assisting their communities access clean water in a reliable manner.

The awareness sessions were informative and interactive and learners expressed their gratitude that DWS and the IUCMA remembered them in the rural areas. One of the learners at Ubuhlebuzile Secondary School, Thobelami Manana thanked the two institutions for opening their eyes to importance of water conservation and the careers in the water sector.





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“It is now clear to me why we must always use water wisely and sparing. I also did not know that there are so much career opportunities in the water sector. I will go and share the water saving tips and careers with my friends and family and will also encourage community members to use water wisely”, he said

**Themba Khoza**



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