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DWS encourages councilors to establish water service development plan

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) working with South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs held a Councilor Development Induction Workshop in East London on the 28 July 2022.

According to Aseza Dlanjwa from SALGA said “the purpose of the workshop is to empower newly elected councilors to the portfolios of water and sanitation or infrastructure around the Eastern Cape Province to make an informed decision in their municipalities. This workshop is to equip leadership understand in depth the whole value chain of water and sanitation. He further calls the DWS to revive structures such as Provincial Water Forums and ECOWAS, because those forums were good in capacitating key stakeholders in water sector”.

“The time allocation for this workshop is not enough because the modules that are presented are so rich to be presented in one day session”, commented Cllr Sello Ntsoelinyane of Joe Gqabi District Municipality (JGDM).

Dr. Masindi Mapholi of Department of Water and Sanitation encourages councilors deployed in the portfolio of water and sanitation to establish water service development plans within five (05) years in office.

Councilors from Alfred Nzo District Municipality (ANDM) raised a critical issue of ageing of municipal infrastructure which result in water leakages in communities. He further engaged on the issue of planning, encouraging municipality leadership to utilize their five-year term effectively.

Eastern Cape Provincial Head, Portia Makhanya emphasized to the leadership the importance of understanding the whole process of water and sanitation. She further appreciated leadership response in trying to understand the concept which is an indication that when taking decisions towards this concept will be informed.

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