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DR SEAN PHILLIPS, THE NEW DWS DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Dr Sean Douglas Phillips joins the Department of Water and Sanitation as the Director-General.

His appointment was announced in December last year.

Dr Phillips comes with a wealth of knowledge and his expertise lies in service delivery improvement, public service governance and administration, infrastructure procurement and delivery management, project and programme management.

He has been the Director-General of the Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Public Works, and as a provincial head of the department.

Following his leave from Public Works in 2006, Dr Phillips joined Global Sustainable Development as the Director from December 2007 to March 2010.

He went on to be the DG of the Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, Managing Director for the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency and Johannesburg Road Agency.

He has an honours degree in engineering design and appropriate technology, a Master's Degree in project management and public and development management, and a Doctorate in civil engineering obtained at the University of the Witwatersrand, and the University of Warwick

Minister Mchunu says the appointment of the experienced Dr Phillips has come at an opportune time when the water sector is faced with a myriad of challenges that need knowledgeable administrators with innovative ideas to steer the ship in the right direction, working closely with the political leadership.

"Dr Phillips comes with a wealth of knowledge in the public service, and we believe that he will assist this 6th administration in its resolve to ensure access to clean water and decent sanitation for all in line with our Constitution. We have had our hands dirty since we joined the ship in August and Dr Phillips will complement the work that we do so that we achieve our objectives", said Minister Mchunu.

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