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Minister Mokonyane undertakes working visit to Italy

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Nomvula Mokonyane, is on a working visit to Italy aimed at promoting cooperation between the governments of Italy and South Africa on water regulation, expertise, skills development and technology.

The department has previously held meetings with the Italian Embassy on exploring possibilities for possible cooperation and partnership with the Italian government on the following key areas;

- i. Management Development*
- ii. Technical and Management Training*
- iii. Training on Critical Skills*
- iv. Infrastructure Resource Mobilization*
- v. Pollution Control and;*
- vi. Laboratories*

It is in these areas that the South African and Italian governments have since proposed to pursue cooperation on a government-to-government level in order to pave the way for other role-players in the water and sanitation sector who may have expertise, technology or resources available to assist our country develop its skills and meet its water and sanitation targets, to do so in a formalized way.

The Italian government currently provides Official Development Assistance (Donor Funding) to selected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa through Italian Cooperation, which is the Italian Agency for International Development. South Africa is currently not regarded as priority country by the Agency and this will form part of the discussion items to be discussed during the Minister's visit.

The Minister is accompanied by the Deputy-Minister and relevant officials from the department and the visit will conclude on 25 September 2015.



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