

## **MEDIA** ADVISORY

## Department of Water and Sanitation to stage South African Youth Water Prize Competition in George

08 April 2016

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will hold the South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) Provincial Competition in George on Saturday the 09<sup>th</sup> April 2016 under the 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Programme.

SAYWP is a science and technology collaboration between the DWS and the Stockholm Water Foundation in Sweden. The objective of this competition is to promote the protection of the country's natural resources and increase awareness amongst young people.

The programme also exposes and advances the interest of youth in science and technology, and motivates them to pursue water and sanitation careers. This programme is targeted at Grades 9-11 learners who identify problems related to water in their school and community, conduct a research and come up with innovations recommended to solve the problems.

Winners will walk away with an R8000 cash prize, a laptop for each learner, a full bursary to obtain any water and sanitation tertiary qualification, and a chance to represent South Africa in Sweden during the Stockholm Youth Water Prize.

The provincial winners will represent the Western Cape during the national leg to be held in May in Durban.

Media is invited as follows:

Date: 09 April 2016 Time: 08h00-14h00

Venue: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NNMU), Saasvield Campus in George.

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