



LAUNCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN IHP PHOTO STORY COMPETITION

Date: 27 September 2024

Time: 09:00 – 13:00

Venue: Department of Basic Education
[Sol Plaatje House, 222 Struben St, Pretoria Central, Pretoria, 0001](#)

Launch Coordinators:

South African National Committee (SANC) for UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP):

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Launch Description & Objectives:

The UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking half a century of dedicated efforts towards water research, education, and sustainable management. Since its inception in 1975, the IHP has been at the forefront of addressing global water challenges, fostering international cooperation, and promoting scientific advancements in hydrology. IHPs ongoing commitment to ensuring a water-secure world for future generations through continued innovation, collaboration, and advocacy for sustainable water management practices.

The idiom “A picture is worth a thousand words” has more truth and power to it now more than ever in communicating matters on water action.



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Photography turns abstract concepts into visual realities, tells inspiring stories in an instant, and helps spread awareness of issues through accessible means. The initiative anticipates elevating inspiring stories on citizen science for water by putting together a Photo Story Book.

Building on UNESCO's cross-disciplinary mandate on culture, education and natural sciences, South African National Committee for UNESCO IHP, is facilitating this photo story competition with the **objective to**:

- Raise awareness on the intertwined relationship between water and the various dimensions of culture, value, education and the natural sciences, in the past and present;
- Demonstrate how citizens, communities and education could effectively support the sustainable use and management of water;
- Inform water use and management, especially using the cross-cutting perspectives of relevant stakeholders, including artists, cultural practitioners and civil society organisations, and contribute to joint actions in the water action agenda.
- Activate youth involvement in communicating matters of water action in creative way.



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| Time | ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE | | SPEAKERS |
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| Programme Director: Dr Moloko Matlala, Chief Director National Water Resource Information Management | | | |
| 09:00-09:30 | REGISTRATION | | |
| 09:30-09:40 | Welcome remarks: | Ms Deborah Mochotlhi, Chair of the South African National Committee for UNESCO IHP & Deputy Director General, Water Resource Management, Ministry of Water and Sanitation South Africa | |
| 09:40 – 09:50 | Representative from UNESCO: | Mr Guy Broucke, UNESCO Celebrating 50 years of UNESCO IHP | |
| 09:50- 10:00 | Representative from South African National Commission for UNESCO (SA NATCOM) | Ms Lefika Chetty, Deputy Secretary General SA NATCOM UNESCO cross-disciplinary mandate on culture, education and natural sciences for water security | |
| 10:00 -10:15 | Introduction/ Setting the stage: Communicating matters on water action | Ms Oudi Kgomongwe, Coordinator Photo Story Competition, SANC IHP | |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Panel of speakers from diverse social movements [6 mins each] | Ms Noloyiso Mbiza, Citizen Science Coordinator, Department of Water and Sanitation | |
| | | Ms Tanisha Curtis, Ground Truth | |
| | | Ms Tarryn Johnston Founding Director: Hennops Revival | |
| | | Ms Danisile Cindi, SANBI | |
| 11:00 -11:15 | Question and Answer Session | | |
| 11:15 -11:20 | How to enter the competition [VIDEO] | | |
| 11:20 -11:30 | Closing remarks | | |
| REFRESHMENTS | | | |