

# Concept Document



## DRAFT CONCEPT DOCUMENT FOR THE 2023 NATIONAL YOUTH INDABA

### Introduction

The Department of Water and Sanitation, through the Chief Directorate: IGR, Sector Transformation and Provincial Governance, is coordinating and facilitating Youth Development Mainstreaming in the sector. The Sub-Directorate: Youth Development is responsible for championing Youth Development initiatives within the water and sanitation sector. This component is tasked with intervention planning, stakeholder engagement and reporting on progress achieved by the sector in Youth Development.

The Department of Water and Sanitation annually hosts the Youth Water and Sanitation Indaba in commemoration of the 1976 youth uprising, during the National Youth Month (June). June has been declared and dedicated as youth month and every government department is expected to develop and implement programmes focusing on various aspects of youth development, including social and economic development. One such programme is the National Youth Indaba conference which includes the youth from different spheres of the Water and Sanitation Sector (Unemployed, Employed, Self-employed, and Young Professionals), who participate in the programme activities. The primary intention of the Department of Water and Sanitation is to seek and encourage engagements, technical expertise and knowledge sharing among the youth in the Water and Sanitation Sector with a view of improving institutional governance, performance, job creation, skills development, economic development, social cohesion and, ultimately, the youth contribution to service delivery to their communities.

A key outcome of the 2022 National Youth Indaba Conference was the drafting and finalization of an Action Plan document, which was subsequently approved by the Minister. The 2023 Youth Indaba aims to implement the recommendations of the 2022 Indaba Conference. One key recommendation is the inclusion of the Youth within the Water and Sanitation Sectors as early as the planning phase of the conference. The 2023 Youth Indaba seeks to continue to encourage engagements, knowledge sharing and active participation of the youth in Water and Sanitation Sector activities. Furthermore, the conference will be used as an opportunity to launch the South African Young Water Professionals Network – the establishment of a sector wide youth forum, as per the 2022 Youth Indaba recommendations.

### Overview of the 2023 National Youth Indaba

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The 2023 National Youth Indaba will look into four **focus** areas for this year's session:



### National Youth Indaba Theme 2023

The Theme will be provided by the Cabinet and NYDA, and the Department will customise the theme accordingly.

### Themes Suggestions for the sessions:

- The role of Youth in Accelerating Change in the Water Sector.
- Youth in Action: Accelerating change in the water sector.
- The Future We Want: Accelerating change in the water sector.
- Milestone of the Youth Development Strategy and its Implementation Plans

### Purpose and Expected Outcomes:

- To create a broader understanding of Governments objectives and how they affect young people.
- To educate Youth about their role within the Water and Sanitation sector by reflecting on Governmental plans and activities.
- To highlight progress made by the Department and its related agencies in implementing the Youth Development Strategy.
- To provide a platform for discussions and constructive idea generation to address the challenges confronting the youth in the sector and how youth can take forward the baton of leadership.
- To highlight available opportunities for youth development and how youth can access them, we need to highlight the opportunities available to young people such as economic opportunities, skills development, training etc.
- To showcase and initiate partnerships with the private sector and civil society in youth development.
- To bring SA youth together to discuss present-day water and sustainability issues facing the country.

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- To **Empower** youth to play an active role in water sector development and contribute to decision-making.
- To highlight and celebrate the achievements/success stories of the youth and Young Professionals within the sector.
- To create a platform for Young Professionals in Water Sector to address day-to-day and systematic issues faced by Young Professionals in the Sector.
- To encourage/attract the general community to be part of the Water Sector (i.e., high school learners and students), through social cohesion and Nation Building programmes.
- To create a platform to discuss or share Careers in the Water Sector.
- To create a platform to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship from the youth and Young Professionals in the water sector.
- To create a platform to discuss and track the position/progress of the SA water sector against global goals/standards (i.e., SDG 6), with a particular focus on Young Professionals.
- To come up with a South African Young Water Professional Network Implementation Plan.

### Targeted Number for the 2023 National Youth Indaba

- The targeted number of participants for this year's Indaba is **600** and has been broken down in the table below:

### List of suggested participants

ITEM	ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS
1.	DWS Learning Academy (Graduate Trainees and Interns)	50	Share experiences on the journey through the bursary scheme to when they got absorbed by the Department
2.	DWS Officials (9 provinces)	30	Extensive participation in the week-long programme
3.	National Youth Development Agency (NYDA)	5	Present on the support offered by the NYDA on youth development projects
4.	Water Boards (Youth Programmes)	300	Present and share the work done and programmes implemented
5.	EWSETA	10	Present/share the programmes they have implemented with

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			regard to youth developments and their funding models
6.	Government Departments (SALGA, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environmental, Tourism, etc)	10	Present/share on the programmes they have implemented with regard to youth development on water and sanitation
7.	WSA Municipalities	20	Present/share on the programmes they have implemented with regard to youth development on water and sanitation
8.	Self-employed- Youth Entrepreneurs within the Water and Sanitation Sector (Representatives from Professional bodies)	20	Present/share on the programmes they have implemented with regard to youth development on water and sanitation
9.	Unemployed- youth -NGOs (Representatives from Professional bodies)	20	Present/share the programmes they have implemented with regard to youth developments
10.	WISA	15	Present/share the programmes they have implemented with regard to youth developments
11.	SADC Region	20	To share their experiences on water and sanitation
12.	Contingency	92	Ministry delegation and other politicians

## Resources Required

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ITEM	ACTIVITY	RESOURCES REQUIRED
1.	Week-long programme (day1- day5)	Promotional Material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● T-shirts</li> <li>● Fleece jackets/tops</li> <li>● Trolley bags</li> <li>● Squeeze bottles</li> <li>● Scarves and beanies</li> </ul>
2.	Week-long programme (day1- day5)	Venue for 600 delegates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5 roving micro-phones</li> <li>● Flip board chart and markers</li> <li>● Projector</li> </ul>
3.	Excursion to UW Sites – Midmar Dam and WTP, Darvill and Reuse site -day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transport (bus)</li> <li>● Food (lunch)</li> </ul>
	Gala Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Launching the South African Young Water Professional Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Venue</li> <li>● Projector</li> <li>● Food</li> <li>● 5 roving microphones</li> </ul>

### Output

- Adoption of the work plan of the South African Young Water Professionals Network by DWS and the sector.
- Creating a working synergy between municipalities, CMA's, Water Boards, etc when responding to water and sanitation youth issues

## NATIONAL YOUTH INDABA Draft: 5 Days Programme- 2023

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**Date: 26-30 JUNE 2023**

**Venue: TBC**

**Theme: TBC**

*(Arrival and Registration)*

DAY 1- *(Setting the Scene)*

Facilitator:

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	BY WHOM
MONDAY	08h00-9h30	Arrival and registration	
	9h30 -10h00	Delegates' Introduction and Expectations	Facilitator/All
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Young Professionals in the water sector</li> <li>2. Success stories: Young Professionals in the water sector</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	

DAY 2 *(Knowledge Cafe)*

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Facilitator:

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	BY WHOM
TUESDAY	8h00-8h30	Delegates Introduction and Expectations	All
	8h30-9h00	Presentation: Support offered by NYDA on youth development projects	NYDA representative
	9h00-9h30	Monash Competition	Monash representative
	9h30-10h00	Self-Employed Youth (Youth Entrepreneurs)	
	10h00-10h30	Unemployed Youth (NGOs/NPOs)	Organized/ Professional organization representative
	10h30-10h45	TEA BREAK! TEA BREAK! TEA BREAK!	
	10h45-11h00	Graduate Trainees: Sharing the journey	A representative from the Learning Academy team
	11h00-12h00	Plenary Session <i>South Africa a Global leader</i>	Panellists
	12h00-13h00	Discussions/ Qs & As	All
	13h00-13h45	LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!	
	13h45-14h00	WISA:	WISA representative
	14h00-15h00		
	15h00-15h15	Programmes implemented in Youth Development	Rand Water Young Water Professionals
	15h15-16h00	Programmes implemented in Youth Development	Umgeni Water
	16h00-16h30	Programmes implemented in Youth Development	Water Board
	16h30-17h00	Programmes implemented in Youth Development	Water Board

DAY 3

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Facilitator:

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	BY WHOM
Wednesday	8h00-9h00	Recap of the previous day	All
	9h00-9h30	Success stories	Umgeni Water
	9h30-10h00	Municipalities: SALGA	?
	10h00-10h30	DWS Young Professionals	
	10h30-11h00	TEA BREAK! TEA BRAK! TEA BREAK!	
	11h00-12h30	Plenary Session  <i>State of Water in our Country – Potential to be Plenary</i>	Panellists
	12h30-13h00	Discussions/Q's & A's	All
	13h00-13h45	LUNCH! LUNCH! LUNCH!	
	13h45-14h15	Communities as a major water sector stakeholder	
	14h15-14h30	Discussions/Q's & A's	All
	14h30-15h00	Water, Food, Energy Nexus	
	15h00-15h15	Discussions/ Q's & A's	
	15h15-16h00	Schools and University Challenges/Presentations	
	16h00-16h30	Discussions/ Q's & A's and Closure	All

Day4

Facilitator

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	BY WHOM
Thursday	8h00-16h30	Field Trip on Day 3 – (i) UW Sites – Midmar Dam and WTP, Darvill and Reuse site.	

DAY5 (GALA DINNER)

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	BY WHOM
Friday	18H00	GALA DINNER	All

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