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#### **South Africa and Rwanda hold their 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee meeting**

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*The 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee meeting between South Africa and Rwanda was hosted in Pretoria, South Africa.*

*The meeting was held at the DWS offices on 30 September 2014. It was chaired by Mr. Mohale Mopai, Director: Africa Cooperation and co-chaired by Mr. Vincent de Paul Kabalisa, Deputy Director General in charge of Water Resources Management.*

*The meeting was attended by twelve participants from both South Africa DWS line functions and Rwanda Ministry of Water and Natural Resources.*

*The JC convened to firstly, review the Agreement for Cooperation which lapsed on 25 March 2014. The Agreement Concerning a Joint Programme of Co-operation on Capacity Building and Training in the Forestry; Water and Sanitation Sector was signed on 25 March 2009, in Cape Town, South Africa. Both countries agreed to exchange diplomatic notes to declare their interest to continue with the cooperation.*

*Secondly, the meeting reviewed the progress of implementation wherein various achievements were noted. Among others, the meeting noted that the following were achieved in the past five years of implementation:*

*Training of 27 Rwandese on hydrology and flood management training was offered by DWS officials in Rwanda from 8 to 20 September 2013.*

*Water quality laboratories assessment: a delegation from the DWS conducted laboratories assessments in Rwanda whereby technical and training recommendation to improve the standards were made.*

*Knowledge and experience sharing: a delegation from the DWS participated at the East Africa Young Water Professional Conference hosted by Rwanda. Departmental officials participated as presenters and plenary panelists.*

*In March 2013, the DWS hosted a study tour on Hydrological Services and Flood networks wherein the Rwanda delegation were offered an opportunity to learn about the South African network from Pretoria to Durban.*

*The Rwandese have been to some of the South African national key points for learning purposes such as the Rand Water purification sites in 2012. A study tour on youth involvement on water was also conducted for the Rwandese in 2013.*

*Lastly, both countries agreed that there is still common interest to collaborate on water and sanitation and have agreed to develop a second phase action plan which will include cooperation on sanitation.*

*The 6<sup>th</sup> JC will be hosted by Rwanda in March 2015.*



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