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DWS participates in the African Farmers Workshops and Expo 2014 to help them grow

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is participating in the African Farmers Workshops and Expo to assist and also utilise their knowledge to help them grow.

Attending these workshops and expos that are being held all over the country albeit at specific targeted areas is an ideal platform for working with farmers, according to a media communiqué released by DWS.

The objective, according to the communiqué is to: achieve the mandate of assisting farmers in South Africa; achieve sustainability within their industries and ensure that they are able to effectively utilize their knowledge and resources to achieve independent growth.

Furthermore, these workshops provide the water sector with a unique platform to interact with emerging small scale and medium to large commercial farmers as well as agri-business companies.

“As a result, the partnership will benefit in the process, since water forms the base for production within the agricultural sector and it is trans-boundary,” the communiqué adds.

DWS views the advantages for participation in a positive manner including adding value in the following manner: Raising the profile in terms of Water Resources Management; Consultation of Review of the Policy positions and Legislative Environment; Roll out of the Institutional Realignment process and the rollout of the National Water Resources Strategy 2 (NWRS-2).

A workshop is currently taking place in Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal. It started on Tuesday, 7 October 2014 and will end on Thursday, 9 October 2014.

Another workshop is planned for North West Province in Mmabatho and will take place over two days from Wednesday, 05 November 2014 to Thursday, 06 November 2014.

Two workshops have already taken place in Johannesburg and Tzaneen.

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