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#### DWS Celebrates Women's Month 2014

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#### **DWS celebrates Women's Month 2014**

*The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), as part of government, joins millions of South Africans to commemorate Women's Month, including the celebration of National Women's Day on Saturday, 9 August 2014, through multiple activities throughout this period.*

*The Department will, as part of the month's activities, bestow awards upon women who are working hard in the water sector to contribute towards poverty eradication and access to services.*

*The month of August is one of the most important periods in the history of South Africa as all of us take our hats off in salutation to the great women of our country. These brave and determined women are found in various fields of commerce, education, activist in the struggle for liberation and most importantly, our heroines in the water sector.*

*The awards are known as the Women in Water Awards (WWA) and the event will take place at the North West on Friday, 22 August 2014. In further acknowledging the difficulties experienced by our mothers and daughters, two more events looking at alleviating their plight will happen in the same month. One will be an event in Bushbuckridge in Mpumalanga on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, where the Mathibela Bulk Water Project will be launched. Another event will be held at Jozini in KwaZulu-Natal on Friday, 29 August 2014 where Pongolapoort Bulk Water Scheme will also be launched.*

*The activities within the month of August will end when Minister and Deputy Minister, accompanied by a delegation of DWS officials, as well as the three Limpopo learners who won the 2014 SA Youth Water Prize, fly to Europe to attend the Stockholm World Water Week (SWWW). This is an annual gathering where water and sanitation professionals meet and discuss issues surrounding evolutionary progress and prospects on water. Organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), the event brings together experts, practitioners, decision makers and leaders from around the globe to exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions.*

*The week-long conference entails a comprehensive programme of seminars, workshops and networking events on the world's most urgent water-related issues. Discussions cover various water and related issues with the purpose*



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*of increasing awareness and stimulate human action to impact positively on the environment. This year's conference will convene under the theme "Energy & Water" from 31 August to 05 September 2014.*

*The Department's participation at the SWWW conference is informed by these objectives: Focus on new thinking and positive action toward water-related challenges and their impact on the world's environment, health, economics and poverty reduction agendas.*

*The week's conference focuses on activities that are aligned to the Department's broader strategic goals and objectives, and; The Department, in partnership with other SA sector partners will participate at the SWWW Expo, has secured an exhibition space for exhibiting marketing and promotional material to showcase what the SA water sector have achieved on water. This serves as an opportunity to market the country abroad on what South Africa (SA) has accomplished on water issues and engage international community on water issues.*

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