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DWS delegates celebrate Africa Focus Day in Sweden!

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True to their African nature the Department of Water and Sanitation delegates lit up the exhibition area at the World Water week when they turned up donned in their colourful traditional regalia in commemoration of the conference's Africa Day, today 25 August 2015 in Stockholm, Sweden.

Each year during the World Water Week conference, one day is strictly dedicated to Africa during which the discussions are focused on water issues experienced in African countries. This is a platform for all African water organisations present during the conference to highlight and examine the issues of water security and water shortages faced by Africa.

The day was coupled up with sessions on how African countries can work together to address issues of sustainable development and poverty eradication through policy frameworks and guidelines that allow water availability, use and management.

Minister of Water and Sanitation Ms Nomvula Mokonyane said during one of the sessions that she believes that it is highly important that African countries work together in the decision making processes on matters that affect them, adding that the co-existing of African nations will attract direct foreign aid and investments.

Minister Mokonyane also engaged in bilateral meetings with the President of the World Water Council, Executive Director of 2030 Water Resources Group and the Executive Director of the Stockholm International Water Institute, to discuss the role of South Africa in these various water bodies and vice versa.

The World Water Week will go on until Friday 28 August 2015 and is aimed at seeking solutions for water related problems globally.

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