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DWS mobilises the youth to understand pressing service delivery challenges – Deputy Minister

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The Deputy Minister (DM) of the Department of Water and Sanitation, Pamela Tshwete has called on “the younger generation to understand the pressing challenges affecting service delivery”.

Addressing the members of the audience during the Gala Dinner held at the Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre on Wednesday, 1 July 2015, the DM also stressed that the youth should also get to terms with issues around climate change, environmental degradation, the shortage of technical skills and the general hygienic ways of living. “We are gathered here to share wisdom and learn from the youth on how to tackle these challenges affecting society and how to package our messages for greater impact and understanding,” said the Deputy Minister Tshwete.

The first delegates arrived on Sunday, 28 June 2015 to attend the National Annual Youth Summit on Water and Sanitation. “Since their arrival they have been cared for, entertained, robed in Summit regalia, taken through educational lectures and presentations,” added the DM.

The most exciting events were the 2, 5 kilometre walk around Birchwood and the visit to the exhibition stands where delegates collected themselves valuable information, documents and gifts.

All the nine provinces were sufficiently represented at this Youth Summit on Water and Sanitation “which is taking place and will continue to take place in the month of June each year in our country,” said Deputy Minister Tshwete.

She pointed out that the purpose of the Summit is to allow young people opportunity to express themselves on matters of water and sanitation. This forum mandates the young people to engage their communities on the agreed and tested solutions in the management of water and sanitation.

The 2015 National Annual Youth Summit on Water and Sanitation has been graced by the presence of many important people in the water family to witness the department listening to the youth of South Africa. Among the many personalities who graced the summit with their presence were Minister of DWS Nomvula Mokonyane, Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni, Councillor Mondli Gungubele, Deputy Minister of Communication, Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, Deputy Minister of Human Settlements, Zou Kota, Deputy Minister in the Presidency Buti Manamela, Deputy Minister Basic Education, Enver Surty and Member of the Executive Committee (MEC) for Basic Education in the Gauteng Provincial Government, Panyaza Lesufi.

The DM also welcomed the officials standing in for Minister of Social Development, Bathabile Dlamini and Deputy Minister Arts and Culture, Rejoice Mabudafhasi. “These leaders are here to work with us as the Department of Water and Sanitation so that we can realise the vision of our forefathers and mothers of ensuring that the doors of learning and culture shall be open to all.”

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