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Deputy Minister to engage in a water bilateral with the Cuban Minister of Water

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The Deputy Minister Water and Sanitation (DWS), Ms Pamela Tshwete, is in Cuba for a water bilateral with Ms Ines Maria Chapman Waugh who is responsible for water management and services in that country.

The purpose of this meeting is to finalise the secondment of Cuban water specialists who will be contracted into this country for the next three years. This agreement includes the release of forty Cuban water specialists by Ms Ines Maria Chapman Waugh and acceptance thereof by DWS's Deputy Minister.

There will be the handing of appointment letters to the candidates, briefing of candidates on their relocation and their placement in South Africa. Immigration matters are concluded by the Department of Home Affairs and the requirements have been adhered to by both the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Cuba.

The meeting will consider matters for effecting this agreement through creation of structures which will provide oversight, monitoring and evaluation of this secondment programme and also address issues that could be beneficial to both parties.

The Deputy Minister said, "The partnership and solidarity that will be celebrated on 27 October 2014 between the two countries, shall serve as a platform for the two countries to share experience on water resource management, asset management, integrated water resource management for resilience to climate change".

This partnership also means exposure of young South African engineers to the environment in the Republic of Cuba as part of their training in the management of water assets and infrastructure and as a formalised international way of experience sharing.

The Deputy Minister will then return to South Africa on Wednesday 29 October 2014, and is expected to report to Cabinet and the entire South African Water Family on the success of this trip.

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