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### INTERNET ARTICLE

*Excitement as Baswa le Meetse Awards draw nearer.*

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*As part of Youth Month the Department of Water and Sanitation urges learners to prepare themselves timeously for the Baswa le Meetse awards. Exhilaration and excitement are heating up as learners and educators scramble to make final preparations to participate in the awards. There will be traditional music, poetry, praise singing and drama as schools will be vying for the coveted prize.*

*This is part of the school based education programme called 2020 Vision Programme. Through this programme the Department of Water and Sanitation wants to instill values of natural resource management especially around water. Learners are the best educators and they are able to change the mindset of their families and the entire community.*

*The Baswa le Meetse (Youth in Water) Award comprises of competitions from district, province and then national level. The Department of Water and Sanitation presents the award annually to learners who developed the most outstanding projects.*

*The aims and objectives of Baswa le Meetse are the following: to use learners to increase the general public's awareness about integrated water resource management and to impart knowledge and water management skills; to enable the communities to protect natural resources, manage water resources efficiently and to address issues related to water and sanitation; to stimulate the interest of the youths in water and sanitation and encourage them to pursue careers in water resource management and sanitation; to promote health and hygiene, and to increase awareness about invasive alien species, as well as the general promotion of the protection of natural resources.*

*The competition is for grade 6 learners only.*

*The educators, learning area co-ordinators, and facilitators of arts and culture are requested to encourage the learners to participate in this competition. It is important to note that provincial winners are selected during the same school year. These provincial winners are however adjudicated at national level during the new school year. For example, if you are selected as a provincial winner during 2004, you will only be adjudicated at national level during 2005.*



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*Participants take part in the following categories: traditional music, poetic and praise singing, drama and poster making under the chosen theme.*

*After receiving the participants' registration forms, the Department of Water and Sanitation ensures that support, guidance and assistance is provided to interested learners. Guidelines are also circulated to the educators from the participating schools. Entrants will be judged according to the following criteria: subject knowledge, relevance, originality, creativity and presentation. An adjudication panel, composed of representatives from various institutions, judges the project based on the aforementioned criteria. A selection process takes place at district, provincial and national level. The tentative dates for the Baswa le Meetse event are 29 June to 2 July 2015.*

**Thabang Molai**