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Good water infrastructure ensures excellent water security - WRC

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The Chief Executive of the Water Research Commission (WRC), Dhesigen Naidoo, says four pillars of action are needed to ensure a water secure future for South Africa.

According to Naidoo, these pillars include strong science, technology and innovation knowledge base to provide sustainable solutions, good water infrastructure, excellent human capital to manage our water systems, and a major correction in our wasteful water behaviour both at personal and corporate level.

Naidoo expressed these sentiments following revelations by the latest paper of the African Futures project, which alleges that the country is facing a water crisis and the government's current plans to address it are not sufficient.

Reports that the country's water crisis is in danger of deepening also dominated coverage. Among the coverage picked up during this particular analysis period were the reports of the Water Research Commission launching a website for the Water Resources of South Africa study, at the 17th SANCIAHS National Hydrology Symposium 2014 held at the University of the Western Cape.

Also amongst the coverage were reports on the upcoming International Gender, Water and Development Conference taking place in November 2014. Naidoo notes that the upcoming conference, hosted by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the WRC and its partners in the sector will take place in East London under the theme "The Untapped Connection".

Naidoo notes that his comments and data provided are results of the latest Media Analysis Report September 2014. "We focus on the overall business and economic environment for the analysed period of time, looking at how political and social issues impact on the industry overall and commission in particular. We focus on Water Research Commission and the challenges and opportunities that emerge from the media coverage during this specific time," said Naidoo.

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