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Government introduces school-based water and sanitation programme in schools

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The Deputy Minister (DM) of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Pamela Tshwete, says the department is working with other state institutions to implement a very important school based programme on water and sanitation throughout the country.

Speaking during the opening ceremony of the 2015 Youth Summit for Water and Sanitation held at the Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre in Boksburg, East of Johannesburg on Monday, 29 June 2015, the DM said: “ the DWS is working with businesses, the Department of Basic Education (DBE), the Department of Higher Education (DHE), the Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) and many water supporting institutions to implement a school based education programme called 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation”.

This Vision 2020 School-Based Education Vision for Water and Sanitation is one of the strategic programmes aimed at educating youth in schools on water resource management, sanitation health and hygiene, as well as to promote careers in the water and sanitation sector.

The programme focuses on the development of the curriculum aligned with educational resource materials, capacity building workshops for educators, and action projects such as:

- *Baswa Le Meetse.*
- *Aqua Enduro.*
- *Public Speaking.*
- *South African Youth Water Prize, and*
- *ECO Schools Project.*

The DM stressed that through this programme the DWS encourages “our youth on values of water conservation, general hygiene and care of the environment. Young people are able to identify water and sanitation related challenges in their communities, conduct comprehensive research, make recommendations and develop interventions to address challenges”.



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*Careers in the water and sanitation sectors are promoted to address the sector skills shortage; broader communities are reached as children transfer the knowledge to their parents, families and communities. This in response to the old adage that says: “**You educate a child, you educate the nation.**”*

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