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Minister Mokonyane gives account on SA's progress towards SDGs

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African Ministers gathered today, Wednesday, 31 August 2016, at the Africa Focus session of the Stockholm World Water Week to discuss the progress they made since the signing of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 17 SDGs are universal and relevant for everyone, everywhere. They are a product of two years of multi-stakeholder negotiations, including business and the private sector, workers, farmers, teachers and many others.

The water and sanitation ministers each presented their progress as well as their plans towards the achievement of these goals and ultimately to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change in the next 15 years.

Minister Nomvula Mokonyane gave account of South Africa's progress and said before the signing of the SDGs, South Africa had developed the National Development Plan and is currently working on the implementation towards achieving the 2030 Vision.

"We have been able to put together the Strategic Water Partnerships Network, which is a partnership that includes the private sector, research institutions, civil society, governments and the last partners to be brought in have been the financial institutions," said Minister Mokonyane.

The partnership is set so that "We are able to work collectively, develop a common plan and ensure that all of us agree on what the priorities are," added the Minister.

Apart from the abovementioned, Minister Mokonyane also said: "We are now working on the development of a 30 year water and sanitation master plan that will not only be a plan for central government but also a plan for the country."

South Africa also remains one of the countries that depend on water from neighbouring countries and will continue to ensure that efforts towards water provision, reliability of water supply as well as water and sanitation for sustainable development remain key priorities not only for the department but also for the country.

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