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The Department of Water and Sanitation engages the communities of Matzikama Municipality on water and sanitation issues

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) today met with the community of Vredendal in Matzikama Municipality to engage them on the establishment of a Water and Sanitation Forum.

The intention of the forum is to bridge the gap between government and communities, to promote a two-way flow of information about provision of reliable water and sanitation services to the communities as well as a platform to engage on envisaged developments/plans, challenges and progress.

In attendance was Matzikama Municipality, NGO's, small scale farmers and the Department of Local Government.

The forum members are expected to represent the needs of communities they represent. The forum is open to organisations that have an interest in water and sanitation issues including government departments, Faith Based Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations, Youth Organisations as well as the agricultural sector

Once established, the forum will ensure that all water and sanitation challenges are brought forward.

The Water and Sanitation Forum members will also play ambassadorial roles in advocating water and sanitation issues, in particular water conservation in the communities. This forum will meet once a quarter.

"Water is Life, Sanitation is Dignity"

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