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Minister Mokonyane engages with Black Business in Soweto.

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, delivered a key note address at a Black Business Council Gala Dinner held in Kliptown, Soweto recently.

This is part of the efforts by the Minister to strengthen relations with all the stakeholders and to highlight government efforts and commitment towards empowerment of the previously disadvantaged individuals.

Addressing the gala dinner, Minister Mokonyane said government is coming with all the measures to ensure that the imbalances of the past are adequately addressed at all levels.

She made an example of the recently launched Women in Water Entrepreneur Incubator Programme aimed at creating a supportive environment for existing and new women entrepreneurs. This is to ensure that women, particularly those from previously disadvantaged groups, youth and the disabled are able to start-up and develop their businesses in the water and sanitation sector.

Minister Mokonyane added that the Department of Water and Sanitation is currently engaged in various infrastructure projects which will allow the previously disadvantaged to share in the economy of the country. She pointed out that a number of individuals and groups have already benefitted and will continue to do so from projects such as the UMzimvubu Project in Eastern Cape, the expansion of the Clanwilliam Dam in Western Cape, the Nwamitwa and Tzaneen Dams in Limpopo, the Hazelmere Dam in KwaZulu-Natal and the Polihali Dam in Lesotho.

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