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Minister Mokonyane launches Phase 2 of War on Leaks Programme

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Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane delivered a keynote address during a ceremony to launch Phase 2 of the War on Leaks Artisan Training programme in Durban on 24 February 2017.

Addressing the learners and dignitaries, Minister Mokonyane said, “Our meeting today is an attempt at ensuring that stakeholders across the water family and across the three spheres of government have a common and shared understanding of the objectives of the War on Leaks for water security in the future.” said Mokonyane.

“Trainees, the ball is in your court now. The future of our beloved country lies in your hands. Today is the moment of truth and the War on Leaks team welcomes you all onto the programme and looks forward to seeing you grow and be moulded into leaders. So trainees show up and show off. Best wishes to all the candidates for Phase 2.”

The War on Leaks training programme is one of the department’s flagship projects working together with Rand Water as the implementing agent and the Energy and Water SETA as the training entity. This programme is aimed at minimising water losses in the country.

The War on Leaks Artisan Training programme was launched by President Jacob Zuma in 2015 with an aim of training 15 000 youths to reduce water losses through leaks. The programme is designed to recruit and train a total of 15 000 artisans, plumbers and water agents.

The training of 3 000 first-intake trainees commenced in September 2015, 7 000 trainees began their training in 2016, while the remaining 5 000 will begin their training in 2017 to complete the 15 000 trainees Mokonyane mentioned.

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