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Minister Mokonyane hits the road to mend water woes in Giyani, Limpopo

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, heads north to Limpopo to engage water sector stakeholders including communities in the area of Giyani in Limpopo Province. Minister Mokonyane will have a détente to find lasting water delivery solutions in the area.

The meeting will be on Thursday, 14 August 2014. The Minister will be engaging the community of Mopani in Giyani Local Municipality who have been plagued by water scarcity for some time. The engagement with stakeholders on the day is primarily aimed at ensuring a fast-tracked process that will bring this precious resource to the community.

Minister Mokonyane's visit will bring in the necessary support, not just of the department, but including that of the provincial government to ensure good quality sustainable services continue beyond her visit.

At the first-ever National Water and Sanitation Summit, delegates, fully supported by Minister Mokonyane and Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete agreed that there was a need to realise solutions through deliberation in areas of: meeting the service delivery challenges, enabling water and sanitation policy, developing and implementing water research, technology and innovation choices, enhancing the state of South Africa's water resources, understanding and defining the role of the private sector.

The binding agreement was that DWS, therefore, resolved to chart a pathway toward national water security and sustainable universal access to water and sanitation services within the longer-term National Development Plan (NDP) timeframe of 2030.

The meeting in Giyani therefore is an example of following on the ideals and outcomes of not just Minister's direction of the department, but also marries that with the co-operation of all players within the water and sanitation sector for the good of the country.