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#### **Minister Mokonyane proposes Water and Sanitation infrastructure plan for Limpopo**

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*Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane said it was time the water sector in Limpopo stopped dwelling on past experiences and came up with an infrastructure master plan of action designed specifically to eradicate water and sanitation challenges issues experienced by the residents of Limpopo.*

*She made this suggestion when she joined Limpopo Premier Mr Stan Mathabatha at the Limpopo Water and Sanitation Summit held today in Tzaneen, Limpopo.*

*“We need active participation of our people in the water sector to ensure that water issues such as water conservation and water demand management programmes, water awareness education and vandalism of infrastructure get taken up as societal issues”.*

*Minister Mokonyane added that the sector needs to move beyond policies and strategies and start implementing more to ensure swift provision of water to communities as water continues to become more unaffordable for the elderly and child headed families.*

*This she said, includes ensuring that there are proper and strict conditions put on water licences for bulk water users to avoid issues associated with undignified water and sanitation for the underprivileged.*

*“The right to water as a basic service is a constitutional right, yet ownership of access to water continues to perpetuate inequality and poverty in our country, including here in Limpopo”, Mokonyane added.*

*Limpopo Premier Mr. Stan Mathabatha believes that the summit, which is the second of its kind in the province will play a catalytic role in the economic development of the province because water forms an integral part of economic and social development.*

*“We are hoping to find solutions through this conference as various role players are present to make contributions”, Minister concluded.*

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