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### INTERNET ARTICLE

*National Women's Day: celebrating our sisters, wives and mothers.*

*04 August 2015*

*August is a time to continue the important tradition whereby women are celebrated for their dedication, hard work and efforts in their communities. It is one of the important months in the South African calendar recognising the vital role played by women towards attainment of our liberation.*

*In the past few months various provinces throughout South Africa have embarked on a drive to mobilise and recognise women in their communities who are involved in water related projects, ahead of the annual national Women in Water Awards.*

*The various provinces have mobilised women groups who have made their mark through many projects in the water sector. These are women who have been able to promote effective and efficient water resource management to ensure sustainable economic and social development.*

*The successful women from various provinces will take part in the national awards. These women have managed to come up with projects in their communities that promote the improvement of water quality and quantity. An example of such a project involves a group of women who collect used water and re-use it for watering vegetable gardens. This project supplies vegetables to the poor, elderly and handicapped members of society.*

*Projects in water harvesting and water conservation also feature prominently.*

*The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) strives to promote and ensure that all South Africans have access to clean water. It aims to recognise and celebrate these women, who through hard work are able to fight poverty, educate their respective communities about water related issues, and bring about development in their communities, both urban and rural.*

*The department also aims to mobilise and entrench the idea of women groups to come up with solutions to daily problems confronting them and their communities. Women are an integral part of society and their contribution is unique and irreplaceable for the benefit of coming generations.*

*This year another category, Sanitation, will be added to the existing four categories, namely Adopt a River, Community Development, Water Conservation and Demand Management, plus Education and Awareness.*



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*The following sub-categories are also highlighted: Most Innovative Rain Water Harvesting Project, Most Effective Ground Water/Borehole Management Project, Most Effective Water User Association Project, as well as the Cleaning/Purification of Water project and River Clean-Ups.*

**THABANG MOLAI**