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#### **South Africa and Zimbabwe to put a stamp on their collective fight against water scarcity & Sanitation indignity**

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*The South African Department of Water and Sanitation and Zimbabwe's Ministry of Environment, water and Climate will sign a bilateral agreement on the establishment of a joint water commission between the two states.*

*This strategic economic partnership will be made official during the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum currently being held in Daegu, South Korea under the broad framework of the Bi-National Commission.*

*Department of water and sanitation Minister, Nomvula Mokonyane believes that this joint venture will maximize the existing resource space that South Africa has in terms of business opportunities in the areas of water infrastructure and sanitation in Zimbabwe. "It gives us an opportunity to share best practices in the areas of water, sanitation and the use of alternative technologies to improve the supply of clean water and dignified sanitation".*

*Mokonyane added that what is of great importance is the fact that the cooperation will enable the two states to share policies that can be of mutual benefit.*

*Zimbabwe's Minister of Environment, Water and Climate, Saviour Kasukuwere believes the signing of this agreement will operationalise all forms of cooperation in water related issues that are of common interest to the two governments.*

*The signing of the bilateral agreement follows the visit of Zimbabwe's President, Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe to South Africa to discuss bilateral relations between South Africa and Zimbabwe, as well as trade between the two countries.*

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