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#### **Minister sheds light on water and sanitation issues in South Africa at the World Water Forum 2015**

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*The Department of water and sanitation Minister, Nomvula Mokonyane, is shedding light on issues surrounding water and sanitation not only in South Africa but in Africa as a whole at the World Water Forum (WWF) conference 2015. The conference, which ends on the 19 April 2015, is currently held in Daegu, South Korea .*

*Minister Mokonyane shared with delegates from countries across the world that water is a cross cutting issue, making water related issues everybody's business. She said it is for this reason that South Africa has established viable and functioning partnerships with other African countries to collectively tackle issues concerning water and sanitation. "Bilateral relations are very important and as a country together with our sister African countries we see our water and sanitation related challenges as an opportunity to unify Africa" the Minister said.*

*Mokonyane further stated various bilateral agreements that the Department has with other countries, including the recently signed partnership with Zimbabwe's Ministry of Environment, Climate and Water.*

*She also brought to attention the importance of knowledge and information sharing amongst states. Minister Mokonyane believes that it is vital that states exchange knowledge and new ideas on how to be innovative to speed up even distribution of water and improve the state of sanitation in African Countries. "Institutional frameworks are necessary tools to achieve the ideal access to save drinking water and dignified sanitation"*

*Other matters being tapped into at the WWF include the issue of instilling water education amongst the youth at an early stage by including it in the school curriculum as a way of building a water respecting and conscious generation. Delegates are also addressing the issue of Infrastructure development, including the refurbishment of the existing ones.*

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