



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INTERNET ARTICLE

Zigana becomes one of DWS's top notch Graduate Trainees

23 January 2019

Occupying the top rungs of the ladder is the motivation behind the Department of Water and Sanitation's young, passionate and academically shrewd Graduate Trainee, Luvuyo Zigana.

At the tender age of 25, Luvuyo has achieved most of what his peers would regard as the heights of academic achievement. Hailing from the former homeland of Transkei in Bhaziya, Eastern Cape, Luvuyo is a young man who epitomises rare qualities that every young South African should embrace.

A firm believer that education is a game-changer, Luvuyo has a string of qualifications under this belt that include a Master of Arts degree in Environmental Anthropology from the University of Johannesburg, which he obtained in 2018; an Honours Degree in Anthropology (with majors in Environmental Anthropology and Geo: Informatics Remote Sensing and Image), which he acquired in 2016 and a Degree in Humanities (with majors in Geography, Anthropology and Political Science) he obtained in 2014.

Breaking the stereotype that casts young people as always needing a nudge to make something of themselves, Luvuyo belongs to a breed of young visionaries who always seek a new dawn. His outlook in life puts him streets ahead of his peers. Energetic and passionate to a point of disproving that people with much more sluggish demeanour survive more; Luvuyo has crafted a new meaning to pushing oneself to extremes in order to survive.

Priding himself in being an astute professional with a specialist pedigree in policy, water management, development facilitation and knowledge management, Luvuyo joined the Department of Water and Sanitation in 2017 through the Learning Academy as a Graduate Trainee.

He is currently applying his trade in the Department (at Head office) as a Graduate Trainee who works as a Policy-Developer under the Chief Directorate: Water Policy.

About his unique array of qualifications and work, Luvuyo says: "This unique blend of qualifications and my current experience has enhanced my acumen and insight into various aspects relating to policy development, legislation, regulation, strategy development, implementation and assessment."

Visibly satisfied with his achievements so far, Luvuyo says with his qualifications he is not only studying the relations between humans and their environment but they also put him in a position where he is able to produce policies that address the environmental problems without leaving behind the human benefit of it.

"This is what makes my job interesting. Since joining the Department earlier in 2017, I have grown as an individual and in the process I have been able to acquire the public policy, management and developmental experience," he says.

Through his involvement and exposure to, amongst other things, development of regulations relating to Norms and Standards, Water and Sanitation Bill, Water and Sanitation Sector Policy on Climate Change, National Sanitation Policy and the Integrated Water Management



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Policy, Luvuyo has become an integral part of a team that shapes the direction of the Department.

He says proudly, “Our contribution to the goal of the Department is through the development, monitoring and reviewing of water and sanitation sector policies to ensure sustainable water resources management, reliable and equitable water supply and services.”

Hungry for more academic challenge and success, Luvuyo is presently a registered second year PhD Candidate in Development Studies at the University of Johannesburg.

“My topic looks at the interventions that work in achieving Integrated Water Resources Management through Evidence Synthesis,” says the goal-driven Luvuyo.

He says the aim behind his PhD is to identify real interventions that the water sector can use in achieving integrated water resource management and to fully unpack the developmental water management paradigm.

“I am in pursuit of improving water management practices and policies to ensure that social equity in water access is achieved,” he says with his mind’s eye already cast in the future.

Luvuyo, who has set the bar so high for his age mates, advises young people to believe in themselves, urging them to be captains of their own ships and masters of their own faith.

Hosia Sithole