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Minister Nkwinti officially opens 5th Africa San Conference

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“The South African government is proud that this event is being held in South Africa at a time when sanitation issues are high on our agenda”.

These were the words of Mr Gugile Nkwinti, the Minister of Water and Sanitation Gugile when he opened the 5th AfricaSan Conference that is currently underway in Cape Town.

The AfricaSan Conference is organized by African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) and is aimed at promoting prioritization of sanitation and hygiene in Africa.

During his opening address Minister Nkwinti stated that South Africa is in the process of finalizing the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan that will effectively drive the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals 2030 target as well African Union Agenda 2063. . In addition, he said the master plan is in line with South Africa’s National Development Plan and it is meant to guide, integrate, set priorities and facilitate sustainable water and sanitation throughout the water and sanitation value chain.

On the first day of the conference, AMCOW also tabled a report on how Africa has progressed in providing decent sanitation to its people . The report cites significant milestones achieved whilst acknowledging shortcomings when it comes to the affordability of sanitation facilities in particular the poor of the poorest.

The Africa San conference will feature interactive sessions and workshops to deliberate on sanitation issues including how to strengthen policies and institutional regulation before closing curtain on Friday, 22 February 2019.

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