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### **DWS in KZN hosted the first Provincial Consultation Workshop to prepare for the Operation Phakisa on Water and Sanitation Master Plan**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with various KwaZulu-Natal stakeholders hosted the Provincial Consultation Workshop to prepare for the Operation Phakisa on Water and Sanitation this week.

The event took place on Monday 18 March 2019 at the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Disaster Management Centre in Pietermaritzburg.

Speaking during the opening address, DWS- KZN Provincial Head Mr Ashley Starkey said the aim of the workshop is to identify clear issues embodied in the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan (NW&SMP) including ensuring the on-going monitoring progress and results that can be made are available to the public.

Operation Phakisa Consultation Workshop is a Presidential Framework to fast-track government service delivery among all South Africans. The department together with stakeholders has been participating in the development of the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan. It is now the time to address the implementation issues.

Speaking during the consultation, Mr Tendani Nditwani, NW&SMP Project Manager at the DWS Head Office, said it is important that a clear road map of all the necessary key programmes, projects and actions are implemented. "We need to identify and define the essential enablers such as financing and institutional models including its roll-out and monitoring plans," Nditwani said.

"For many South Africans, proper water and sanitation infrastructure remains a luxury that they still do not have access to. The Master Plan will be about re-engineering the manner in which the water and sanitation business in South Africa is coordinated and guided," Nditwani pointed out.

Operation Phakisa is a project of the South African government. This initiative was designed to fast track the implementation of solutions on critical development issues. This is a unique initiative to address issues highlighted in the National Development Plan (NDP) 2030 such as poverty, unemployment and inequality. Operation Phakisa is an innovative and pioneering approach to translate detailed plans into concrete results through dedicated delivery and collaboration.

The NDP is the country's socio-economic development blueprint that directs Government to create a better life for all citizens in an inclusive society. It is the directive for all sector plans and policies, programmes, projects and operations and the associated budget and skills investment and other resources required to move South Africa forward.

Again, the NDP also provides the framework to ensure that Government, organised businesses, labour and communities work together to accelerate economic growth to resolve the triple challenge of unemployment, poverty and inequality.





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The National Water and Sanitation Master Plan is a plan intended to guide the water sector with investment planning for the development of water resources and the delivery of water and sanitation services over the horizon until 2030, and beyond.

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