



## water & sanitation

Department:  
Water and Sanitation  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### INTERNET ARTICLE

#### **Majaneng Water and Sanitation Forum crafts its Constitution**

21 February 2019

The members of the Majaneng Water and Sanitation Forum were hard at work to ensure the structure operated within a proper legal framework when they started the process of developing their Constitution on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

The Majaneng Water and Sanitation Forum, which operates within Region 2 of City of Tswhane, was established by the Department Water and Sanitation (DWS) in 2017.

The forum is one of many forums that have been established by the Department throughout the country. The forums serve to ensure there is flow of communication between the Department and various stakeholders involved in the water and sanitation business.

Mr Aifheli Makumbane, who is the Department's Chief Development Officer and instrumental to the drafting of the Constitution, explained that there were different tasks given to different stakeholders and this necessitated that the Majaneng Water and Sanitation Forum developed its Constitution.

He described the process of drafting the Constitution for the forum as an enriching experience since community representatives who formed part of the forum contributed to the process.

He said: "The drafting of the Constitution by the members of the forum from diverse backgrounds is vital to make our Constitution a dynamic document that is not removed from the people it strives to serve."

The chairperson of the forum, Ms Maria Sithole, said although it has taken a while before they developed their Constitution, they have started earnestly to work to craft the document. She said the Constitution would assist them when they deal with certain aspects of community development as they needed to always proceed from a legal framework.

Ms Sithole's sentiments were echoed by a representative of the Majaneng Traditional Council, Mr Klabe Swandle, who said the forum had operated without a Constitution for some time and this was undesirable, reiterating that the forum needed to be put in line with other forums that existed all over the country.

"We will continue to work judiciously to ensure that we finalise our Constitution. This may not happen immediately, but we will ensure that once it is finalised we have a document that all of us will be proud of," Mr Swandle said.

**Hosia Sithole**