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Northern Cape stakeholders in the water sector gather to prepare for Operation Phakisa

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Northern Cape hosted a Provincial Consultation Workshop in Kimberley today, 29 March 2019 in preparation for the implementation of the Operation Phakisa for the water Sector.

Attending the Provincial Consultation Workshop were water users and sector players, water boards, water user associations, catchment management agencies, private sector, development partners, business and civil society.

Articulating the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan, Bennie Viljoen from the Water Sector Support Directorate in the DWS said that Operation Phakisa will be an implementation plan of the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan which is an action-oriented plan rather than a strategy or policy. The Master Plan identifies critical challenges confronting the water sector and articulates priority actions to be implemented to address water security.

Viljoen further said that the purpose of the workshop is for the Department of Water and Sanitation to present key issues and possible solutions as shown in the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan, priorities identified for the Northern Cape and the framework of Operation Phakisa in the province.

Last year, the Cabinet gave the Department a go ahead to start preparing for Operation Phakisa in the water sector to address the implementation priorities linked to the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan. This intervention requires a number of strategic and practical considerations based on latest evidence and research insights. Operation Phakisa is spearheaded by the Department of Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation and the Presidency.

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