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DWS official lands study opportunity with the Dutch Government through the Nuffic Orange Knowledge Programme

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) together with the Government of Netherlands is providing officials within DWS an opportunity to participate in a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme in Water Management by the Business School of the Netherlands, through the Nuffic Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP).

This follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Netherlands by Minister Gugile Nkwinti in June 2018, which aims to enhance capacity building for departmental officials by the Dutch Government through the Nuffic OKP.

Vincent Monene, a Director at Technical Engineering Services within the Chief Directorate Engineering Services in the branch Infrastructure Built, Operate and Maintenance (IBOM), is one of the lucky few who has been selected to participate in the Programme.

Monene presently holds a Master of Business Leadership (MBL) from the University of South Africa (UNISA) School of Business Leadership expressed that he was immensely grateful for the opportunity provided to him to partake in the MBA Programme.

“It is a great privilege to be amongst the department’s best officials to partake in the Programme. I like that the MBA programme is both research and action based and challenges one to come up with solutions and innovative ways applicable in their specific area of work,” he said.

Monene, who has been with the department since 2010 said that his passion of working with young people motivates him to work extra hard and remain on top of his game.

“What I enjoy about my job is the support and services that we give to the branch on technical services, especially in relations to coordination of mentorship programme for graduate trainees in the engineering discipline,” Monene said.

“There is nothing fulfilling to see young engineers develop in their professional route and also demonstrate their conceptualisation of the engineering field. I can sit in professional assessments of young engineers for days without being bored. I just observe and listen to these young engineers develop in their area of specialisation,” he added.

The Nuffic Orange Knowledge programme is a €185 million global development programme funded by the Dutch Government.

It was kick started in mid-2017 for a period of 5 years and involves around 52 countries. South Africa is one of the countries that has been selected to participate in the programme whereby citizens are eligible to apply for scholarships and Tailor Made Trainings (TMT). The strategic partners identified by the OKP specifically for water management are the DWS, local municipalities, catchment management agencies, water boards, regional authorities, private and financial sector. The Programme is implemented in collaboration with Dutch Universities and other strategic institutions





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