



**Strategic Water Partners Network
a collective approach to closing the water gap**

WRC – Symposium held on the 13 September 2019



- An initiative of the late Minister Edna Molewa launched at WEF in 2011
- 2030 WRG – an early broker and continuous supporter of the SWPN
- Provides a neutral platform for public, private and civil society to participate in closing the water gap
- Co-chaired by public and private sector (currently Sasol); with a secretariat hosted by the Nepad Business Foundation (NBF); supported by a Management Committee (Manco) and Steering Committee (Steerco)
- Funded through private and public sector contributions and donor grants (specifically 2030 WRG and GIZ)
- Six functioning Thematic Working Groups (TWG)/ workstreams
- Provides access to decision makers to ensure achievements have wide impact



The Strategic Water Partners Network (SWPN) is a multi-stakeholder (public, private and civil society) partnership working collectively to close the gap between water supply and demand

The **vision** is to contribute to efficient, equitable and sustainable water supply and access to water and sanitation for all South Africans through the identification and application of innovative and cost-effective solutions





- **Pillar 1: Partnership platform**
 - Provide a forum for the public and private sector and civil society to collaborate and achieve the objectives of the SWPN
- **Pillar 2: Communication platform**
 - Promote SWPN work through an expanded communications function and thereby contributing to the objective of closing the water gap; to provide information and promote innovation programmes and good practice for SWPN and its partners
- **Pillar 3: Project execution platform**
 - Support the development and implementation of innovative and cost-effective tools, approaches and programmes to achieve increased supply and reduced demand
- **Pillar 4: Governance**
 - Promote transparency, be consultative and effective; ensure effective functioning of governance structures including SWPN Secretariat reporting to Steercom and Manco

Strategic focus areas



Water use efficiency and leakage reduction

- Municipal and industrial water loss

Effluent and waste water treatment

- Municipal waste water management and reuse

Agricultural supply chain water

- Irrigation water use efficiency and promotion of equitable access

Sanitation

- Promote access to resilient, cost effective and efficient sanitation solutions

Water stewardship and incentives

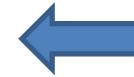
- Collective response to water risks through action and supportive policy

Skills development and transformation

- Development of skills for water sector

Priority areas based on:

- Replicability
- Scalability
- Potential for public/ private engagement



Reflection on achievements



- Effective Public-Private-Civil Society Collaboration
- Continued funding and involvement by the founding partners
- Development and roll out of the No Drop programme
- Implementation of the Water Administration System (WAS) in 21 irrigation schemes, 55M cubes/annum water saved
- Establishment of the Mine Water Coordinating Body (MWCB) in the Olifants Catchment
- Development of a performance-based contract for municipal water loss management
- Co –host of Water Stewardship Conferences (2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018)
- Growth from 3 to 6 thematic working groups
- Awarded the 2018 P4G State-of-the-Art Partnership of the Year Award in the clean water category at the Partnership for Growth (P4G) Summit in Copenhagen





Value of SWPN to private sector

- Neutral convening platform allowing for constructive collaboration between public, private and civil society
- Leveraging funding and sharing risks: for each Rand invested a private company receives multiple times the investment in return
- Wider benefits through input from international partners notably 2030 Water Resources Group (World Bank), GiZ
- Access to senior leaders in Department of Water and Sanitation
- Mobilise grants and strengthen the value add to broader members
- To make a meaningful impact - real delivery, tangible solutions
- Collaborate with partners with similar challenges
- Focussed work programme
- Project: Replicable, Scalable and Potential for public/ private engagement



Sanitation in schools

- South Africa is committed to the achievement of the sustainable development goals, a collective global pledge to end, extreme poverty by 2030.
- We have 25 000 schools in South Africa; unfortunately, nearly a fifth of them still use pit toilets.
- Many of these latrines are dangerous and unsanitary. This is unacceptable.
- Schools are the heartbeat of our communities;
- It has been determined that it will cost R10-billion to ensure that every school has safe and clean toilets.
- This is beyond the government's financial capacity.
- SWPN is partnering with GIZ on such a project and looking for more partners



Sanitation in schools Cont.

- The government is committed R3.4-billion to improve school infrastructure and eradicate dangerous pit latrines in our country's schools.
- In the public-school system, more than 11 000 schools have been provided with flush toilets.
- Proper sanitation in schools is a human right.
- There are different affordable innovative solutions to be considered to address sanitation in schools,
- A whole ecosystem needs to be evaluated.
- Private businesses can operate through communities as an entry point.
- Change of mind set is critical in order to resolve this complex situation by investing in the right type of sanitation solution, not all citizens can use water borne toilet.



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