

## **Group W: PART 2 C**

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### **Title: Access to water and sanitation in rural areas and low income groups**

- We drink in the same holes with our animals
- We drink contaminated water contaminated with sewer water
- We travel long distance to get water
- We can't afford to buy bottled to buy water, but the rich can so we drink contaminated water
- Water is our right and we have been having conferences for so many years. These are constitutional issues
- We are happy that we were invited for the conference and that we had this Indaba where we have spoken freely.
- So now we request for action and feedback on access to water and sanitation

### **Way forward**

1. Need for government efforts in provision of water and sanitation in rural areas and informal settlements
2. Local municipalities and councillors should attend meetings such as these so that they do get the issues from the grass root level and be able to bring to communities sustainable solutions
3. Some municipalities are poor financially and these are the ones that need support by government financially because they serve very poor communities
4. Communities do not ask for hand-outs they ask for support on how they can work with government to bring the water and sanitation services to the community
5. Need for government and municipalities to work together
6. We need feedback from this conferences the problems of water and sanitation that we have brought out today.
7. We have been talking for a long time about our problems and so now we want action
8. We share similar problems in different provinces, and so we should ask municipalities to take do Information Education and communication to all communities so that we know what water and sanitation services are available and how we can access these
9. Assist rural communities and low income areas with capacities and material support to bring water to their homes
10. Access is a human right, we go through sexual abuse on the way to collect water and within the home because we have no access and within reach water sources
11. Normally people who live in cities receive water and sanitation freely but it is expected that people in rural areas should fend for themselves
12. Need communique/press media to Ministers summarising these issues and a time frame for response and way forward how government will work with communities in a bid to solve these problems

13. Need for water tank facilities, community water tanks and create capacity within communities to manage these resources. In this way communities will be empowered to manage and put rules about managing these resources
14. Each municipality should have awareness meetings in different zones that they serve, in order to get people's views on what they need
15. Water is a human right; government should provide it then, to all communities, poor or rich. Government to show commitment, in budgets for capacity building and for materials needed to bring water home
16. There must be partnerships with private sector, not just support from government, companies should show corporate social responsibility in the communities where they work
17. The group has requested to read these resolutions to the Minister of Water and Sanitation tomorrow, Friday 07<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The group has requested for this space with the Minister because they want to deliver the message to the Minister themselves
18. There are no responsible officials for issues raised concerning communities
19. We want transparent accountable time bound participatory in implementation with clear steps
20. There's nothing said about environmental pollution
21. Like – Compensation for people affected by big development projects

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