

WRC SHINES AT BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

As a patron member of the Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA), the Water Research Commission (WRC) was a prominent participant in the institute's 2018 biennial conference, which took place in Cape Town from 24-27 June 2018.

The central theme of the conference was 'Breaking barriers, Connecting ideas'. The conference, which attracted around 1 500 delegates, sought to address past, existing future water resource challenges by promoting collaboration, cooperation and integration within the water sector.

Senior managers and contracted researchers presented various

aspects of the WRC's research, from alternative sanitation technologies, mine-water management, to wastewater beneficiation and programmes aimed at innovation and resilience, to name but a few.

WRC CEO, Dhesigen Naidoo, was also a keynote speaker of the conference. A highlight of the conference was the South-South Dialogue on Water Security: Avoiding Future Water Scarcity and Disasters, which took place on 26 June 2018. The objective of the dialogue was to extract new thinking and paradigms on how we tackle growth with growing water uncertainties.



WRC's Hlengiwe Cele assisting a WISA delegate to download reports at the Commission's exhibition stand.



WRC CEO, Dhesigen Naidoo with Sunita Narain, DG of the Centre for Science and Environment (India), and WRC Executive Manager, Jay Bhagwan.



Grace Metswamere, Lethogonolo Lemoko, and Sarah Ravhudzulo at the Wader stand.