



## **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION 2023-2028 STRATEGY & NEW THEMES**

**Date:** 24 August 2023

**Time:** 9:00-11:00

**Registration Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_iizXjZUMRoeg-eW85N8ymQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iizXjZUMRoeg-eW85N8ymQ)

### **Background**

The WRC invites its stakeholders to a webinar to announce and share the Water Research Commission 2023-2028 Strategy and new Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) themes. The WRC is a government entity established to coordinate, guide and fund water research, development and innovation programmes, projects and activities aimed to address the South African water challenges and to provide the required credible scientific knowledge to influence policy and decision making relating to water and sanitation issues affecting the country.

Everyone is a stakeholder of the WRC, and we are delighted to extend this invitation to all SA citizens to participate in the announcement of the WRC 2023-28 strategy and priority themes and discover how you can contribute to the realisation of the strategy.

### **Aims**

To raise awareness of the WRC Strategy 2023-2028, Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) themes, and provide for the WRC's stakeholders to engage with the WRC team on the new strategy and themes.

Below is a series of online engagements WRC has planned to engage all its stakeholders on the New Strategy and RDI Themes:

<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
1. Policy makers – All government departments (national and provincial)	24 August 2023	09:00 – 11:00
2. Water Boards & Municipalities		13:00 – 15:00
3. Institutions of Higher Learning & Consultants	25 August 2023	09:00 – 11:00
4. Cooperatives. & Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)	29 August 2023	09:00 – 11:00

Stakeholders	Dates	Times
5. Civil society organisations		13:00 -15:00
6. Youths	30 August 2023	09:00 – 11:00
7.Women		13:00 -15:00

### Draft Agenda

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**Programme Directors:** Dr Mandla Msibi

Time	Items	Speaker
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and opening	Programme Director
09:10 - 09:30	Opening Remark/Setting the scene including a high-level presentation of the 2023-28 WRC strategy	WRC CEO
09:30 – 10:10	Overview of the WRC RDI strategy, themes, and priorities	WRC GE RDI
10:10 – 10:50	Facilitated Q&A session	All
10:50 – 11:10	Wrap up and closing of the meeting	Programme Director