

WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION WORKSHOP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMATOLA WATER BOARD, CoGTA EASTERN CAPE DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTER, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION REGIONAL OFFICE

DATE: 27 September 2023 | Time: 10h00 – 13h30

Venue: AbaseMonti Holdings

29 Villa Boutique Hotel, 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Sunnyridge, East London

Background

The Water Research Commission's (WRC) mandate is to conduct and manage research in the water and sanitation sector. This includes moving research to practical innovations and solutions aimed at solving the country's key water and sanitation challenges and inform decision-making. More recently, the WRC has concluded its strategy for the next five years, 2023 to 2028 with a shift towards measuring outcomes and the impacts of those. Some of the key outcomes of the WRC strategy are that of ensuring a technology driven water sector, an empowered and influenced stakeholder as well as water security through adaptation and resilience. The WRC has embarked on a stakeholder centric approach which will be ensuring that water and sanitation research and innovations done through the Commission benefit and address the identified stakeholder challenges. A WRC team has been delegated to do pre-engagement sessions in Eastern Cape Province to establish the required research-based solutions and interventions to address the identified key challenges.

The purpose of the workshop is to meet with stakeholders responsible for managing water and sanitation related projects and researchers and discuss broadly and explore joint interventions based on current and past WRC projects.

Programme Director:

09h30 –10h00	Registration and refreshments	All
10h00 -10h05	Opening, Introductions	Programme Director
10h05-11h15	Welcome and opening remarks	
11h15-11h30	Remarks and purpose of the Workshop	Water Research Commission
11h30-11h45	The State of Water and Sanitation in the Province	DWS Regional Office
11h45 –12h00	Presentation on Water Resources	Amatola Water Board
12h00 – 12h15	Presentation on Water Resources	Mr Mabandla CoGTA
12h15 –12h20	Q and A	All
12h20- 12h35	Overview - WRC Mandate, Portfolios, Water services, Innovations, past projects in East London Province, Research themes etc.)	WRC
12h35-12h40	Q&A	All
12h40-12h45	Potential areas of collaboration, key Action points for further engagements and stakeholder survey	WRC
12h45-13h30	Discussion	All
13h30	Closure and way forward	Amatola Water CoGTA, DWS Regional Office