

# DWAF/WRC Alliance Strengthened

The alliance between the Department of Water Affairs & Forestry (DWAF) and the Water Research Commission (WRC) has been strengthened after the WRC hosted a successful Open Day custom-designed for DWAF personnel at its Rietfontein, Pretoria, offices in March. More than 60 DWAF personnel took up the organisation's invitation to learn more about the inner workings of South Africa's premier water

knowledge hub. As Dr Heidi Snyman, WRC's Director for Water-Centred Knowledge explains, the main aim of the Open Day was to reinforce the partnership between the department and the WRC, and to share information on the organisation's activities which align strongly with DWAF's strategic objectives. "At the same time, the department had the opportunity to share its needs and challenges with the WRC."



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**Above left:** Morake Malope, DWAF Geohydrology Technician thought the presentations were highly informative and he was especially interested in the work undertaken by the WRC Key Strategic Area for Water Resources Management.



Yvonne Gounden

**Above right:** DWAF personnel mostly technical staff and middle- and senior-management from all over the country attended the WRC Open Day.



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Thandi Thongwana, DWAF Chief Development Expert: WS Institutional Development thought the Open Day was informative and very stimulating. "I thought the WRC only focused on water resources. I was surprised to find that its scope is broader and much more encompassing," she said.



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Dr Heidi Snyman, WRC's Director for Water-Centred Knowledge, welcomed DWAF staff to the Open Day.