



ENVIRONMENTAL TALK

National Water week 20 to 26 March 2024 and World Water Day 22 March

The National Water Week campaign is aimed at educating the public about their responsibility in water conservation initiatives, raising awareness around the need to protect and conserve the country's water resources.

The Department of Water and Sanitation celebrates Water Week by urging everyone to use water sparingly to ensure **Water For All**.

The 2024 National Water Week theme is Accelerating Action

Based on current usage trends, "South Africa is expected to face a water deficit of 17% by 2023", and this shortage will only be worsened by climate change.

What led to a water crisis in South Africa?



As experts in the field have agreed, the water crisis in South Africa can likely be attributed to economic (a lack of investment) (infrastructure maintenance and extensions as South Africa expands), as well as physical, (a lack of rain) water scarcity.

World Water Day is observed annually on 22 March and focuses attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

The initiative is spearheaded by the United Nations (UN), using the day as a basis for longer-term action involving governments across the globe. The UN aims to ensure that everyone in the world has access to safe water by 2030, while not impacting negatively on the environment.