

Call for applications as DWS initiates Hydropower Independent Producer Programme

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has initiated its Hydropower Independent Producer Programme (DWS HIPP). It is calling on independent power producers (IPPs) to apply for water use authorisations to utilise its water resources, water courses and infrastructure to generate hydropower as an alternative energy to supplement the grid.



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“The department is inviting persons to make use of the water resources, watercourses and its infrastructure to generate renewable energy power. The types of hydropower technologies to apply for include impoundment, river diversion or run-of-river, pumped storage and floating or kinetic turbines (small-scale generating capacity). In addition to the above, applications for floating solar panels can also be made,” the department said.



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Briefing session

A hybrid briefing session, where interested applicants will be taken through the programme and application processes, will be held on 11 April at Protea Hotel OR Tambo in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng. The session will start at 10am.

“A window for applications will be opened on 17 April 2023 for interested parties to submit pre-applications for water use authorisations.”

Information on the application process is accessible on the [DWS Electronic Water Use Licence Application and Authorisation System \(e-WULAAS\) page](#).

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