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Updates on the water situation in South Africa

Koeberg participating in development of other desalination projects

Apart from its recently announced temporary desalination plant, the Koeberg nuclear power station is working on a range of desalination projects, including a detailed feasibility study with the City of Cape Town on a large-scale desalination plant.

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Coega SEZ receives EIA approval for desalination, aquaculture zones

“The approval of the EIA is a step towards fulfilling the Coega SEZ’s vision to host one of the largest ADZs in South Africa and, simultaneously, respond to the severe water shortages experienced in the Nelson Mandela Bay (NMB),” Coega Development Corporation (CDC) project development manager Dr Keith du Plessis said in a statement issued on Monday.

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Technology overcoming Day Zero

ESI Africa is hosting a live free-to-attend webinar discussion on Thursday 8 March 2018, addressing the current water situation in the City of Cape Town, South Africa and the available technologies, strategies and solutions, to overcome the challenge.

The event will have a strong focus on water with the conference showcasing how partnerships, financial models and latest technological advances can make the greatest impact in meeting Africa's water demand.

The webinar will provide a platform for discussing the ideal virtual space to connect the dots between policy, strategy and technology, and to discover innovative practices in water management.

ESI Africa, 16 February 2018

Cape Town to host a trio of major water conferences in 2018

The International Conference on Sanitation, Waste and Water will be held in November and will follow the International Water Association’s 2018 Water Loss Conference, from 7 to 9 May.

The Water Institute of South Africa (WISA) will also hold its biennial conference and exhibition in at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in June. The conference is expected to attract 2000 delegates and WISA hopes to make the conference water-neutral in this time of tight water restrictions.

International Conference on Sanitation, Waste and Water spokesperson Tae-young Yeom said the conference would be aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal number 6, which centres around providing access to clean water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Engineering News, 15 February 2018

Umgeni Water offers more detail on Cape Town desalination plant

Umgeni Water's acting chief executive Thami Hlongwa made the statement during a press briefing at the Albert Falls Dam in KwaZulu-Natal on Tuesday. The dam is currently experiencing a critical shortage.

Hlongwa said Cape Town was "unique" because it was one of the major cities in South Africa that did not have a water board providing bulk water supply.

"If there was an imposition we would be working there right now. However, there is nothing that allows us to do so. The minister [Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane] gave Umgeni a directive saying, can you go to Cape Town and find solutions? And that is what we did."

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