



WORLD WATER COUNCIL VISIT TO UW

The World Water Council (WWC), an international multi-stakeholder platform, conducted a site inspection of Durban on 12th and 13th January 2009 to determine the suitability of the city to host the 6th World Water Forum in 2012.

On 12th January 2009 delegates from WWC, accompanied by representatives of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, held discussions with key stakeholders in KwaZulu-Natal. Meetings were also held with the Minister of DWAF, Lindiwe Hendricks, and the Chairperson of the Water Affairs and Forestry Portfolio Committee, Connie September.

On 13th January 2009 Umgeni Water hosted the WWC delegation at the Wiggins Waterworks. A presentation was done by UW's Mohammed Docrat before a tour was conducted at the plant. Umgeni Water was represented by the General Manager of Engineering and Scientific Services, Pumezo Jonas; the General Manager of Operations, Mboniseni Dlamini; the Corporate Stakeholder Manager, Shami Harichunder; Communications Specialist (External) Mbali Mwandla; Graphic Designer Nathi Zondo and Manager - Systems Themba Buthelezi.

Earlier the same day the WWC delegation was taken on a tour by eThekweni Water and Sanitation to its Rural Area Service Delivery in the Valley of 1000 Hills.

South Africa is one of three finalists in the bid to host the 6th World Water Forum (6th WWF) in 2012. The other finalists are Canada and France. The WWF is held every three years in close collaboration with the authorities of the hosting country. It is the largest international event in the field of water.

The World Water Council was established in 1996 in response to increasing concern about world water issues by the global community. The WWC's stated mission is: "To promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels to facilitate the conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all life on earth." The World Water Forum is a key division of the WWC.

