MEC Dube-Ncube urging commuters to use water wisely

municipalities to explore alternative solutions, particularly refurbishment and drilling of boreholes. The department is is also disturbed by the reports of individuals profiteering from the sale of water to desperate communities. These activities are allegedly linked to wilful destruction of municipal water infrastructure.

KZN Provincial Government is also pushing ahead with a desalination programme for the province, under the stewardship of a water crisis task team comprising of Cogta MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube who is the convener, Education MEC Mthandeni Dlungwana, Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Themba Mthembu and Finance MEC Belinda Scott.

KZN Cogta has hosted several Drought Crisis Management Meetings of the province's Water Services Authorities and municipal stakeholders to evaluate the progress and chart a strategic direction for the drought-affected municipalities.

KZN Cogta has also co-hosted a United Nations Water Day Summit between 22 and 24 March 2017 at the Inkosi Luthuli Convention Centre in Durban under the banner of "Waste Water the Untapped Resource". The summit presented a range of cutting-edge solutions to the drought crisis, including innovations on waste water treatment that are being currently considered by the department.

KZN Cogta's priority throughout the 2016/2017 financial year was to ensure that all available funding to the tune of R150-million was spent as budgeted.