

Anniversary Series

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JICA's journey with South Africa's water sector

The relationship between South Africa and Japan, which exceeds a century, grows closer and more productive with each passing year. One of the key collaborative partnerships that have emerged in the past 25 years is the relationship in the water sector. Water is a key point in JICA's development agenda, and an enormous effort has been placed in building capacity in South Africa's water sector, in particular Non-Revenue Water (NRW). What stands out are three technical cooperation projects that have been successfully implemented. The first was between 2013-2016 focusing on water treatment plant officials. The second one was in collaboration with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and it resulted in The Project for Strengthening the training Capacity of the Infrastructure Branch Training Center on Non-Revenue Water. Capacity building also took the form of the hybrid trainings, consisting of online trainings and in-person trainings in Japan, focusing on water sector officials in DWS, SALGA, Municipalities and Water boards, which is the latest project to be completed in March 2023. JICA has also dispatched a Non-Revenue Water Expert, Mr Mayusumi, seconded to the Development Bank of Southern Africa aiming to tackle the Non-Revenue Water challenge in South Africa and neighbouring countries. As relations continue to grow, JICA is pleased to announce that a new technical assistance project is in the pipeline with the DWS. This further solidifies our commitment to improving the lives of South Africans.



Ambassador Maruyama and former Minister of Water Ms. Lindiwe Sisulu at the opening of the training yard at the Infrastructure Branch Training Center



Training yard for the Project on Strengthening the Capacity of the IBTC on Non-Revenue Water



training in Japan for Water officials from the Department, Water Boards and Municipalities



workplace training from the National Non-Revenue Water Training with JICA Expert Mr. Mayusumi