



**20 September 2022**

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

*WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE COHORT ONE GRADUATION CEREMONY  
21 September 2022, University of South Africa, Pretoria*

Thirty-five participants of the Water Sanitation and Hygiene programme will graduate on September 21<sup>st</sup> joining the Regional Leadership Center's alumni community of over 6 500 young leaders across Southern Africa.

Their graduation brings to a close a ten-and-a-half-weeks' programme which started with the eight-week virtual, blended learning programme that focused on orientation, contextual, and business development aspects of the WASH sector. Following the virtual programme, the participants continued their learning through a two-and-a-half-weeks' in-residence programme that exposed them to engaging conversations, networking opportunities, sharing ideas and innovation. During the residency, participants had an opportunity to pitch their innovative solutions for the water sector to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). They also visited Rand Water in Zuikerbosch, the Daspoort Waste Water Treatment Plant in Pretoria and other businesses to learn about good practice in water resource management, purification, and innovation.

The participants will be honoured at a graduation ceremony hosted by the YALI Regional Leadership Center Southern Africa (YALI RLC-SA) and the University of South Africa (Unisa).

### **Join us to connect with these young leaders and to hear their stories:**

Date : Wednesday, 21 September 2022  
Venue : Kgorong Function Hall, Kgorong Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria  
Time : 16:00 – 19:00

The event will be livestreamed via Facebook which can be accessed here: <https://fb.me/e/2qp9bwjAk>

Members of the Media are invited to attend.

RSVP to Ms. Candy Smith, Communications Specialist - YALI RLC-SA at  
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### **Background Info**

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme is an initiative by YALI Regional Leadership Center Southern Africa (RLC SA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with curriculum and programme support from the University of South Africa. The programme empowers young leaders who are engaged in water supply and sanitation service provision, hygiene, and water resource management with the skills and attitude that will enable them to identify opportunities to improve water security and access to sanitation services. The programme is housed at the University of South Africa's Graduate School of Business Leadership (Unisa SBL) in Midrand, South Africa.