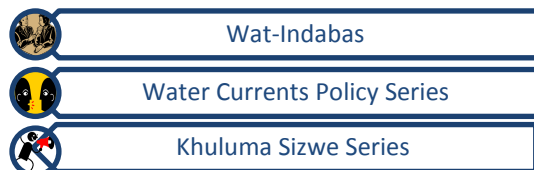


## About the WRC Dialogues

The WRC Dialogues are discussion-based events on topical water issues affecting the South African public, the aim of which is to serve as a platform to exchange ideas and opinions related to water. In this regard, the WRC Dialogues are guided by the principles of transparency, openness and honesty; plurality of perspectives and inclusivity, mutual respect; a commitment to problem-solving and mutual accountability; and in the broader interest of knowledge sharing. The value of the WRC's role as convener of these events lies in its ability to be a neutral knowledge broker as South Africa's premier water knowledge resource.

There are three types of dialogues that are organised in this series:



### WAT-INDABAS

Wat-Indabas are typically closed facilitated sessions held under the Chatham House Rule. This rule refers primarily to the confidentiality of the source of information received at a meeting. The aim is to facilitate free knowledge sharing in an unthreatening environment. It intends to deepen mutual understandings of the different perspectives of stakeholders when there may be significant conceptual gaps, reference points, and perhaps even a degree of mistrust. Wat-Indabas will often span several sessions and involve the progressive unpacking of key issues related to the subject matter, with the outcome decided at the onset. Under Chatham House rule, participants commit to protecting the identity of other participants and only using the information received strategically to inform actions, research or policy decisions. Attendance is by invitation only.

### WATER CURRENTS POLICY SERIES

The Water Currents Policy Series is a range of convened seminars, often held in partnership with a host of collaborating institutions, and comprising of a panel of experts invited to present different authoritative views on a discussion topic. The aim of the Water Currents Policy Series is to create a forum where panellists express multiple and sometimes divergent perspectives on key issues affecting the water sector in South Africa. A key component of this series is that it is outcome-driven with opinion pieces, policy briefs, and other publications generated after each dialogue.

### KHULUMA SIZWE SERIES (The nation speaks)

The Khuluma Sizwe Series is an open lecture platform where high-profile speakers are invited to give talks on very impactful water issues affecting the South African public. These events will be widely broadcast and are open to the public.

For more information about the WRC Dialogues and the calendar of events visit the WRC website:  
[www.wrc.org.za](http://www.wrc.org.za)



## Water Currents Policy Series

*Launch of the WR2012 Website*

**Thursday, 19 March 2015**

**Venue: Pretoria**



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## Rationale

The Water Research Commission (WRC) in partnership with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) commissioned the WR2012 study to provide a new and enhanced water resources system analysis for South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. Chief among the study's deliverables is the website, which maps water resources in the three countries, and is a culmination of a number of water resource appraisals that have been carried out over the past four decades. The purpose of this website is to provide all the data, GIS maps, water resource models, spreadsheets and tools to allow water resource planners and practitioners to investigate, analyse and plan their water resources studies. The rainfall-runoff WRSM2000 (also known as the Pitman model) is a key part of this project and it has undergone further enhancements during this study. The outputs from the Pitman model are used as the primary inputs to DWS's water resources planning models.

## Aim

The aim of launching the WR2012 study will be to demonstrate how the interactive website functions and its features.

## Who should attend?

The target audience for the dialogue is public sector responsible for writing policy and protocol for environmental health i.e. Dept of Water and Sanitation, Department of Environmental Affairs, etc. and the private sector guided by the policy and applying the protocol i.e. consultants in natural science (ecologists, wetland specialists, soil scientists, etc.), engineers and urban and regional planners, etc.

## Programme

Programme facilitator: Ms Eiman Karar

09:30	Registration and Coffee	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and Introductions	Ms Eiman Karar
10:10 -10:20	WRC the Water Knowledge Hub	Dhesigen Naidoo
10:20 – 10:40	Opening Address	Ms Margaret-Anne Diedricks DG, DWS
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Speaker	Dr Ronnie McKenzie, WRP Engineers
11:00 – 11:10	Overview of Water Resources of South Africa	Dr Bill Pitman, Private Consultant
11:10 – 11:30	WR2012 web-based system: an overview	Allan Bailey, RHDHV
11:30 – 11:55	Questions and Answers	All
11:55 – 12:00	Launch of the WR2012 website	CEO: WRC and DG: DWS
12:00 – 12:10	The future of water data management in SA (with reference to WR2012 system, etc.)	Ms Deborah Mochotlhi, DDG, DWS
12:10 – 12:20	Way Forward and Closure	Wandile Nomqophu, WRC
12:20 – 13:00	Lunch	