



# The Drop

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**In the photo:** Mr Nelson Torto, Senior Government Official for the government of Botswana (left), Ms Alexandra Palt, Executive Vice President of the Fondation L'Oréal (right) pictured with Ms Maria Nelago Kanyama (middle), the award winner and SGSP-IWRM PhD student funded by the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

# POSTCARD

## Unveiling excellence of a prestigious UNESCO award

On the 9th of November 2023, Maria Nelago Kanyama stood among the esteemed laureates acknowledged by L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Young Talent award for her exceptional contribution in Science.

The awards ceremony was hosted in Kasane, Botswana where the President of Botswana, His Excellency Mr Mokgweetsi Masisi applauded African women scientists for their remarkable research excellence. As a 2023 Young Talent awardee, Maria joins a community of over 200 African researchers, fostering networking and collaborative opportunities. She was chosen out of 632 Doctoral and Post Doctoral researchers across Africa, and her pioneering PhD work focuses on employing artificial intelligence to address water challenges in sub-Saharan Africa.

Expressing her gratitude, Maria remarked, 'I am deeply honored to represent Namibia on the global stage, particularly during times when water scarcity poses significant challenges. This accolade is meant to inspire every Namibian child, demonstrating that achieving the extraordinary is within reach.'

The SASSCAL Graduate Programme in Integrated Water Resources Management, (SGSP-IWRM) proudly joins hands with the rest of the world in celebrating and congratulating Ms Kanyama on her remarkable achievement.

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