

A Moment of National Pride – His Majesty Receives the Global Water Changemakers Award



On October 24, 2025, the Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) joined the nation and international partners in celebrating a proud moment—the official handover of the Presidential Global Water Changemakers Award to His Majesty King Letsie III.

This global honour recognises His Majesty's visionary leadership in championing the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) as a model of transboundary cooperation, promoting peace, resilience, and sustainable development across Southern Africa.

The award was presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Mr Russell Dlamini, on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III, Patron of the Global Water Changemakers Awards.

The ceremony was attended by high-level dignitaries, including the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Lesotho, Mr Sam Matekane; the Prime Minister of Eswatini; the Minister of Water and Human Settlements of Botswana (representing President Duma Boko); and the South African High Commissioner to Lesotho (representing President Cyril Ramaphosa).

This event coincided with the 39th anniversary of the signing of the LHWP Treaty (October 24 1986)—a day that marked the beginning of a transformative journey for Lesotho and its partners.

As we celebrate this milestone, the LHDA extends heartfelt congratulations to His Majesty King Letsie III for this global recognition. It is a proud reminder that His leadership continues to inspire our work — harnessing water for peace, growth, and shared prosperity.