

ICASA TO HOST VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN RESPECT OF THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL PARTY ELECTIONS BROADCASTS AND POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS AMENDMENT REGULATIONS

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice to hold virtual public hearings in respect of the Municipal Party Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Regulations, 2011 as amended¹, in accordance with section 4(6) of the Electronic Communication Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), as amended (ECA).

Municipal Party Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Regulations aim to provide a framework and guidelines for the broadcasting of PEB(s) and PA(s) by broadcasting service licensees (BSLs) during the Municipal elections. These Regulations are instrumental in safeguarding the equitable treatment of political parties and independent candidates by BSLs throughout the election period.

The Authority published the Draft Amendment Regulations on 31 October 2025 and the closing date for written submissions was 09 January 2026 and subsequently extended to 23 January 2026. Following the publication of the Draft Amendment Regulations, the Authority held provincial workshops on the Draft Amendment Regulations in all the nine (9) provinces from 24 November to 11 December 2025. The Authority received written submissions from eleven (12) stakeholders, namely: Democratic Alliance (DA), Co[LAB] Africa, Arise Afrika Arise Independent Congress (AAAIC), Capricorn District Municipal, eMedia, MultiChoice, Kwenzokuhle Community Organisation, Mossel Bay Municipality, Support Public Broadcasting (SOS), Primedia,

¹ ICASA, 2025, Draft amendment to the Municipal Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Regulations, 2011, published in Government Gazette 53608 of 31 October 2025

South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and Media Monitoring Africa (MMA). The SOS, Kwenzokuhle Community Organisation, eMedia, SABC, DA, AAAIC and MMA will be making oral presentations at the public hearings.

The public hearings will take place virtually on 16 February 2026. Interested stakeholders, media and members of the public are invited to attend.

The public hearings will be held as follows:

Date: 16 February 2026

Venue: Virtual Hearings (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33721374760142?p=ZZf77ZIix9c8r1ZxDS>

Meeting ID: 337 213 747 601 42

Passcode: 9HE2je3w

Time: 08h15 – 16h00

The programme for the hearings is as follows:

SCHEDULE: 16 February 2026

	TIME	ITEM
1	08h15 – 08h30	Registration
2	08h30 – 08h45	Opening Address
3	08h45 – 09h30	Arise Afrika Arise Independent Congress
4	09h30 – 10h15	eMedia
5	10h15 – 11h00	Kwenzokuhle Community Organisation
6	11h00 – 11h30	Break
7	11h30 – 12h15	SOS

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8	12h15 – 13h00	MMA
9	13h00 – 14h00	Lunch
10	14h00 – 14h45	SABC
11	14h45 – 15h30	DA
12	15h30 – 16h00	Closure

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