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## MEDIA STATEMENT

## ICASA publishes the updated Information Memorandum for another round of consultation

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**Pretoria** – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA/the Authority) has published an updated Information Memorandum (IM) for the licensing of the International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) Spectrum, for the second round of public consultation.

This publication of the IM is another critical consultative process ICASA is undertaking in the continued implementation of the truncated timetable and roadmap issued by the Authority on 1 October 2021 for the expedited licensing of the high-demand spectrum. The issuance of the initial roadmap was followed by the successful hosting of the IM workshop on 15 October 2021 to clarify all matters and to receive stakeholder comments on the initial IM.

"The consultative process in the form of publication of the second IM is aimed at ensuring transparency in the licensing process; and is in compliance with the requirements for procedural fairness and administrative justice. It is therefore important that all stakeholders participate fully in this process, which will culminate in the issuance of the invitation to apply for licensing of the high demand spectrum. We remain committed to license spectrum through an auction by March 2022," says ICASA Chairperson, Dr Keabetswe Modimoeng.

Stakeholders have until 16h00 on Tuesday, 30 November 2021to make their formal submissions to ICASA.

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