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NOTICE

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

05 December 2023

PRETORIA - The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa hereby gives notice that it will be holding virtual public hearings in respect of the Draft National and Provincial Party Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Amendment Regulations¹, in accordance with section 4(6) of the Electronic Communication Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), as amended (ECA).

The proposed amendments to the National and Provincial Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Regulations aim to update the vitally important framework and guidelines governing Party Election Broadcasts (PEBs) and Political Advertisements (PAs) by Broadcasting Service Licensees (BSLs) during the upcoming national and provincial elections. These Regulations are instrumental in ensuring the equitable treatment of political parties and independent candidates by BSLs throughout the election period.

The Authority published the Draft Amendment Regulations on 04 October 2023, and the closing date for written submissions was 17 November 2023.

¹ ICASA, 2023, Draft amendment to the National and Provincial Party Elections Broadcasts and Political Advertisements Regulations, 2014, published in Government Gazette 49406 of 4 October 2023

Subsequent to the publication of the Draft Amendment Regulations, the Authority held provincial workshops on the Draft Amendment Regulations in all nine provinces, between 24 October to 03 November 2023.

By the closing date, the Authority had received written submissions from nine stakeholders, namely: Barberton Community Radio, the Consumer Advisory Panel (CAP), the Democratic Alliance (DA), Kanyamazane Community Radio, Mkhondo FM, Mutsindo Community Media Trust, Rosestad FM, the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and Voice of the Community FM.

Four stakeholders, namely CAP, DA, Mkhondo FM and the SABC will be making oral presentations at the public hearings.

Interested stakeholders, media and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing as follows:

Date: 8 December 2023

Venue: Virtual Hearings (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 368 815 299 771

Passcode: 76Ccci

Time: 08h30 – 13h30

The programme for the hearings is as follows:

SCHEDULE: 8 December 2023

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
08h30 – 08h45	Opening Address	ICASA: Chairperson of the Committee
08h45 – 09h15	Presentation by CAP	CAP
09h15 – 09h45	Question & Answer	ICASA Panel
09h45 – 10h15	Presentation by DA	DA

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10h15 – 10h45	Question & Answer	ICASA Panel
10h45 – 11h15	BREAK	
11h15 – 11h45	Presentation by SABC	SABC
11h45 – 12h15	Question & Answer	ICASA Panel
12h15 – 12h45	Presentation by Mkhondo FM	Mkhondo FM
12h45 – 13h15	Question & Answer	ICASA Panel
13h15 – 13h30	Closure	ICASA: Deputy Chairperson of the Committee

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