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Question 1

Is there a need for the introduction of DSB technologies in South Africa?

Answer: yes, this will create the availability of frequencies and the creation of more community radio's to give our citizens more platforms to debate, get news and be entertained. There's still a need for more Community stations but without the DSB technology being implemented, freedom of expression is being limited and our constitution compromised/violated.

Question 2

Do you think the list of technical standards to which the DSB equipment must conform are exhaustive?

Answer: No, what is needed is intensive training for users and make sure that reception/loss of signal issues are covered.

Question 3

In the absence of a policy directive for providing standard for DSB, should the authority provide licences for other DSB technologies?

Answer: Yes, there's no way this country can diversify media without allowing other DSB technologies to exist. This is not good for the country but the best decision to take

Question 4

South Africa through its international agreements at ITU and SADC level agreed on DAB+ and DRM systems. Please indicate which other digital sound broadcasting technologies if any should be considered for South Africa?

Answer: RAVIS system because its advanced technology and quality and that it will also boost our SMME's who are in the manufacturing industry while eradicating unemployment and boosting our economy.

Question 5

To use the spectrum efficiently, the digital sound broadcasting network can be planned on a single frequency network. Do you think it would be applicable for purposes of digital sound broadcasting?

Answer: yes, just like the DSB trials have vividly indicated on the first trial with the SABC using a single frequency in a SFN configuration, covering the majority of the Gauteng province the end-to-end technical functionality and other successes were achieved. This will make a possibility of Provincial Radio Stations.

Question 6

6.1 Should the Authority consider one or more mux operator (s) for DSB?

6.2 Would you propose a total switch-off of the traditional analogue AM and FM sound broadcasting?

Answer: 6.1- Yes for Economic reasons and for Media diversification

6.2- Yes, the total switch-off is a must so that technically there won't be any future clash of spectrum between the DSB technology and the Analog or any complications. Moreover, for Global Change reasons this will assist

Question 7

Should the authority adopt the strategy used in other international markets of licensing DSB services in the primary Markets first and then a nationwide roll-out?

Answer: yes because there's still a huge demand of new allocations for frequencies that are necessary. If the authority does not adopt strategies used by other international markets it might not have active regulations to accommodate new frequencies and also have lots of challenges in implementing and sustaining the DSB services.

Question 8

Can the current sound broadcasting market afford new DSB licensees in Community, Commercial and Public Service?

Answer: yes, especially if the governments can subsidize community stations and support them also with advertising. The community broadcaster can benefit and sustain itself also through subscribers but the prices must be reasonable because the majority of our people are

still struggling from unemployment, low salaries, debts, and businesses are struggling to even pay for adverts on radios.

I focus mostly on community radios because they play a very important role in our communities since they are very close to the people and talks to them directly. Im also in the process of starting one for my community and I believe the DSB technology will make it possible to achieve my goal.