

THE SABC EDITORIAL POLICIES EXPLAINED

BACKGROUND

Editorial Policies are intended to help the editorial staff negotiate difficult editorial issues and decisions so that distinctive and compelling – and sometimes controversial – programmes can be made, while maintaining the highest ethical and editorial standards.

Essentially the policies provide the framework within which SABC staff take decisions about the content that is carried on our platforms.

The development and implementation of comprehensive editorial policies is characteristic of public broadcasting and is one of the key mechanisms to ensure that these broadcasters fulfill their mandates.

The Editorial Code and Policies of 2004 are the current Editorial Policies in place at the SABC. These policies were developed through a rigorous process of engagement with key stakeholders, staging of public hearings and examination of international best practice

CONTEXT

The SABC, as the national broadcaster, is mandated to inform, educate and entertain South Africans. The Editorial Policies are informed by the following

The Constitution:

- Equality, non-racism, non-sexism
- Freedom of Speech
- Freedom of Religion
- Right to Dignity

The Broadcast Act

- Includes broadcast charter
- Defines CB, PCB, PSB, CSB

The ECA

- Defines ICT
- Links BA and ICASA

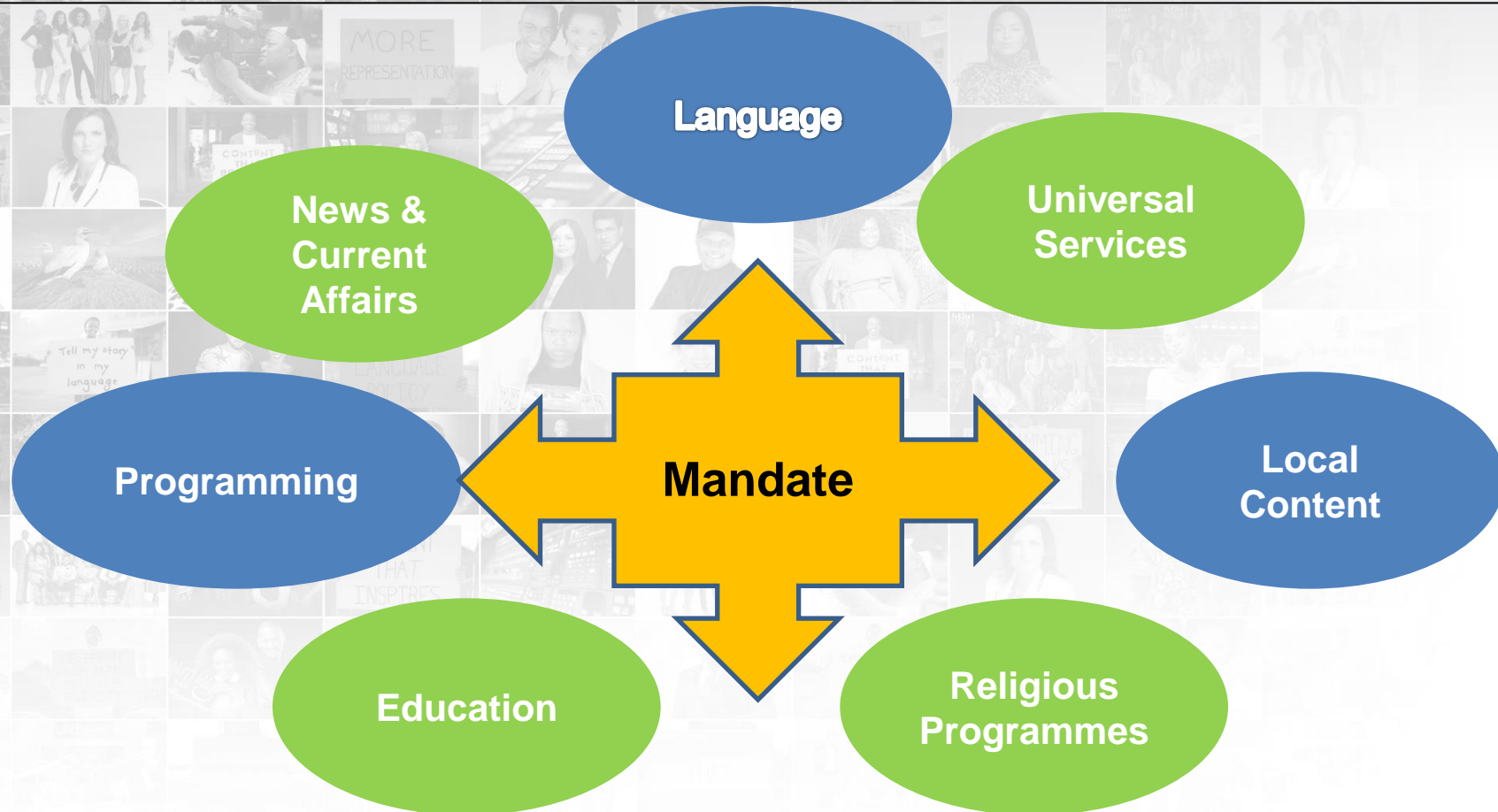
ICASA Act

- Empowers Icasa, who:
- Issues licences
- Regulates environment

SABC Editorial Policies

EDITORIAL POLICIES

The SABC is legally obliged to develop policies to address the following:



These policies are collectively known as the Editorial Policies and are currently contextualised by the Editorial Values and the Editorial Code of the SABC

MANDATE: CORE VALUES

Equality

The SABC provides programmes for everyone, in all the official languages, and promotes universal access to its services.

Editorial Independence

The SABC is governed by the Charter of the Corporation, which enshrines the journalistic, creative and programming independence of SABC staff, and constitutionally protected freedom of expression.

Nation Building

The SABC celebrates South Africa's national identity and culture, and provides its citizens with the information they need to participate in building our democracy.

Diversity

The SABC reflects South Africa's diverse languages, cultures, provinces and people in its programmes.

MANDATE: CORE VALUES

Human Dignity

The SABC respects the inherent dignity of all South Africans, reflects them in their all diversity, and does not convey stereotypical or prejudiced notions of South Africa's races, cultures and sexes.

Accountability

In discharging their editorial responsibilities, SABC management and staff are accountable to the SABC Board, which is charged with ensuring that the corporation complies with the Charter.

Transparency

The SABC ensures that the principles of honesty, openness and transparency govern every aspect of its relationships with shareholder, stakeholders, suppliers and the public.

TIMELINES

Key:



Complete



Underway



To be done

**Draft Editorial policies
published for public
comment
12 July 2018**

**Nationwide Public
Consultations
Commence
23 – 27- July 2018**

**Final stakeholder
consultation – 31 July
2018 - JHB**

**Closing date for
written submissions
01 August 2018**

**Consolidation of final
responses from
public consultations
1 –3 August**

**Presentation of final draft
to SABC to Ops
6 August 2018**

**Presentation of final draft
to SABC to Exco
13 August 2018**

**Presentation of final
draft
to SABC to Board
TBC**

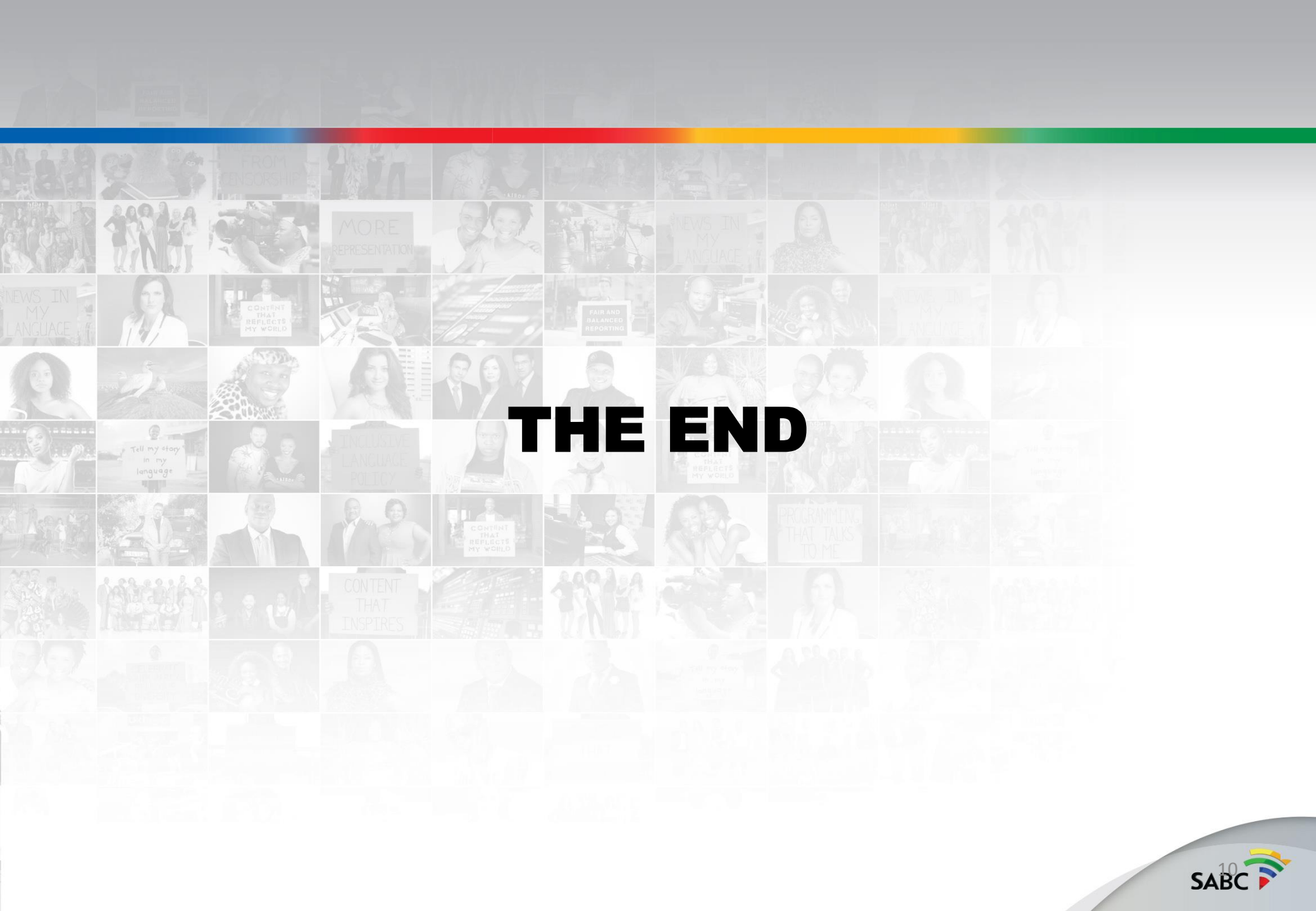
**Lodge final draft to ICASA
End August**

PUBLIC CONSULTATION



SCHEDULE

DATES	REGIONS	VENUES
Monday 23 July 2018	Kwa – Zulu Natal	SABC Provincial Office 100 Old Ford Road, Durban
Monday 23 July 2018	Mpumalanga	Valencia Community hall, 11 Delphinium street, Valencia
Monday 23 July 2018	North West	North West University Mafikeng Campus
Tuesday 24 July 2018	Tshwane	Siyabuswa Community Hall Section A Siyabuswa Dr JS Moroka Rural
Tuesday 24 July 2018	Polokwane	SABC Regional offices 2 Hospital St, Polokwane Ext 46 Polokwane
Tuesday 24 July 2018	Northern Cape	SABC Regional offices Corner Bultfontein & South Circular Street Kimberley
Wednesday 25 July 2018	Free State	BFN SABC office precinct (OMF Church) Cnr Markgraaff & Kellner Street Westdene Bloemfontein
Wednesday 25 July 2018	Eastern Cape	Nelson Mandela Museum Mthatha
Friday 27 July 2018	Western Cape	Isivivane Centre Khayelitsha Cape Town
Tuesday 31 July 2018	Gauteng	SABC M1 Studios SABC Radio Park Auckland Park Johannesburg



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