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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 1190 OF 2009



**Independent Communications Authority of South Africa**  
Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street, Sandton  
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### **NOTICE ON THE AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE SECOND DRAFT TERRESTRIAL BROADCASTING FREQUENCY PLAN 2008**

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The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("The Authority") hereby invites the public to attend public hearings in relation to the Second Draft Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008. The Public Hearings will be held as follows:

**Date: 15 to 17 September 2009**

**Venue: ICASA  
Block C Presentation Room  
Pinmill Farm, 164 Katherine Street  
Sandton  
2146**

**Time: 9H00 to 17H00**

In October 2008 the Authority published a draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan in the Government Gazette no: 31501, notice (No 1272) for public comments. In terms of the notice (No 1272) interested parties were invited to make written comments to the draft plan, by no later than 16h00 on 21 November 2008. This date was subsequently extended to 16 January 2009. The Authority received 14 responses to the published draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan document.

Interested stakeholders were invited to a two day workshop on the broadcasting frequency plan which was held on 11 and 12 March 2009 at the Protea Hotel Balalaika, Sandton. The workshop sought to further brainstorm on a range of key regulatory and technical issues.

On 6 July 2009 the Authority published the Second draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan in the Government Gazette no: 32385, notice (No 960) for public comments. The closing date for written representations was 25 July 2009. The Authority intends holding Public Hearings in this regard. Each stakeholder is required to make a (45) minutes presentation as depicted in the agenda below.

Subsequent to the above consultative process, the Plan, document structure; and other issues were thoroughly canvassed and the position was clearly articulated on the second draft Terrestrial Broadcasting Frequency Plan 2008.

### **Area of consultation**

Only stakeholders who made written submissions on the second draft broadcasting frequency plan 2008 have been allocated time to make presentations. The authority request that, the presentation be channelled to specifically address the following pertinent areas for a final Terrestrial broadcasting Frequency Plan and clearly articulate technical pertinent issues:

- Articulation on the impact of your proposed changes in relation to other stakeholder's submissions;
- Re-categorisation of MW frequencies ;
- Transmission strategy or approach for new and existing Frequencies in the Northern cape in compliance with the AGA act (Act no. 21 of 2007) by 2015;
- Immediate SKA specific needs;
- Multiplex 3 creation and dividend expectations;
- Co-existence of Mobile TV standards(e.g. DVB-H and DMB);
- Other Pertinent issues.

Please note that all written submissions on the second draft terrestrial broadcasting frequency plan 2008 are available on the Authority's website [www.icasa.org.za](http://www.icasa.org.za) and at the Authority's Library.

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