



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC ANNOUNCES THE CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY INTO EDITORIAL INTERFERENCE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Johannesburg, Wednesday, 20 June 2018 – The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is proud to announce the Chairpersons of the two recently established high-level Commissions of Inquiry into editorial interference and sexual harassment. Dr Joe Thloloe will chair the inquiry relating to editorial interference in the newsroom and Ms Barbara Watson will chair the sexual harassment inquiry.

The announcement of these two highly respected professionals is in line with the SABC's commitment to ensure proper corporate governance, good values and sound business ethics. Dr Thloloe and Ms Watson each bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the commissions of inquiry that they are tasked to chair, respectively.

Dr Thloloe's contribution to the media and broader society bears testimony to his credibility as a respected and renowned newsman who has contributed enormously to the promotion of ethical journalism in South Africa. He served as the South African Press Ombudsman. He is also no stranger to the SABC, in 1994, he was employed as an input editor by the public broadcaster and subsequent to that he became an editor-in-chief responsible for television news and current affairs.

Ms Watson is a qualified Social Worker with experience that spans over 40 years. As a development worker and gender activist, she is equipped with the ability to initiate, consult, lead, develop, implement and monitor policies that lead to change and transformation. In her early years after her qualification, Ms Watson focused on practicing in extensive social work in the area of casework, group work and community development. She progressed to take upon tasks that focused on administration and development work in civil society and the public service where she dealt with governance issues, leadership and transformation programmes at various social institutions.

The Acting Group Chief Officer (AGCEO), Ms. Nomsa Philiso stated "We are confident that Dr Thloloe and Ms Watson will assist the corporation to restore its credibility and reaffirm its rightful position as a leading public service broadcaster which reflects good governance and ethical practises that serves as an inspiration to its employees and stakeholders".

The SABC would like to extend its gratitude to all its stakeholders for heeding the call and the contribution that has been made to the commissions of inquiry. We appeal once more to all individuals to make their submissions by **Friday, the 22nd of June 2018**.

To report matters relating to editorial interference please email : NewsInquiry@sabc.co.za

To report sexual harassment please email: SexualandPersonalfav@sabc.co.za or you can visit SABC offices countrywide and make your submissions in the boxes allocated for this purpose.

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