



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC ANNOUNCES COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY INTO EDITORIAL INTERFERENCE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Johannesburg, Thursday, 31 May 2018 - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) today announced the establishment of two high-level Commissions of Inquiry into editorial interference and sexual harassment.

The announcement of the two commissions is part of the on-going work to transform the Public Broadcaster into a truly accountable and responsive corporate entity.

This follows the recommendations of the SABC Ad Hoc Committee to deal with all instances of editorial interference, as well as various forms of unlawful conduct. It also comes after consultations with staff and various stakeholders.

In announcing the initiatives to the staff, Acting Group Chief Executive Officer (AGCEO), Ms. Nomsa Philiso said “Today we pledge that we shall work together constructively to build an SABC that we all want and that we can all be proud of.” She added that the commissions will be corporate-wide endeavours that are not inquisitorial, but are aimed at assisting the corporation to deal with serious instances of abuse of power.”

Philiso stated that behind these efforts is a determination to return the SABC to its constitutional mandate, where the rights and dignity of its individual men and women are respected and restored. We also want it to be a place where the public broadcasting mandate is reaffirmed and celebrated. Above all, it is our desire to re-establish trust with our stakeholders and the public to whom we have a mandate to fulfil.

The two Commissions of Inquiry will be led by highly respected and experienced individuals who have been selected particularly for this purpose.

The SABC commits that a wellness programme, including pre and post counselling sessions will underpin the process of inquiries. A sexual harassment awareness campaign will also run alongside this initiative.

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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