



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC BROADCAST PLANS FOR THE 2019 STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (SONA)

Johannesburg-Wednesday, 06 February 2019-The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) would like to announce that it will broadcast the 2019 State of the Nation Address (SONA) live by President Cyril Ramaphosa on its radio, TV and online platforms on Thursday, 07 February 2019.

SABC News will commence its coverage on one of its flagship current affairs programme *Morning Live* on SABC News Channel 404 on Dstv and terrestrial channel SABC 2 between 06h00 and 09h00. *Morning Live* will predominantly broadcast a preview of the SONA. This preview will be followed by coverage on SABC News Channel 404's programmes '*Agenda*' and '*On Point*', building up to the President's address. These programmes will also cover the Civil Guard of Honour, Red Carpet event and the 21 Gun Salute.

The President's address will be broadcast live during the prime time programme, '*Full View*' on SABC News Channel 404 and on terrestrial channel SABC 2. Following the President's address, a post analysis of the speech will be broadcast live with experts and reaction from various political parties. There will also be live crossings to Provinces to solicit reaction from ordinary South Africans to the President's speech.

The SABC's Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) radio stations will carry the President's speech live. SABC Radio News bulletins and Current Affairs programmes will continue to provide updates relating to SONA throughout the day.

SABC News digital platforms will also provide comprehensive coverage of SONA building up to the President's address, from in-depth coverage in a special report on sabcnews.com to social media updates on [@sabcnews](https://twitter.com/sabcnews)online. The red carpet arrivals will be live streamed from 16h00 on the SABC News website and the SABC News YouTube channel ([youtube.com/sabcnews](https://www.youtube.com/sabcnews)) until the end of the proceedings.

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