



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC ANNOUNCEMENT ON BROADCAST OF FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP AND AFCON TOURNAMENTS

Johannesburg - Friday, 07 June 2019-The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) regrets to announce that it will not be broadcasting the FIFA Women's World Cup, which is set to take place in France. This is due to the fact that the public broadcaster was not in a financial position to bid for the rights. However the SABC will be broadcasting the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) tournament taking place in Egypt from 21 June until 19 July 2019.

The SABC secured the Free-To-Air (FTA) rights in 2016 which comprised of 32 matches. The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has however increased the participating teams from 16 to 24, starting with the upcoming AFCON 2019 tournament. This has resulted in the increase of matches from an initial number of 32 to a total of 52 matches.

Ten SABC African Language Stations (ALS) (Umhlobo Wenene FM, Ukhozi FM, Ligwalagwala FM, Lesedi FM, Motswedding FM, Mughana Lonene, XKFM, Phalaphala FM, Thobela FM and Ikwekwezi FM) and Radio 2000 will broadcast 32 matches live inclusive of the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final match. truFM and RSG will carry live reports.

Television channel, SABC 3 will broadcast a total of 24 matches, nine matches being live including all Bafana-Bafana games, the semi-finals and final matches. 15 matches will be broadcast on a delayed basis. The channel will make a few changes to its schedule between the 16h00 – 00h00 timeslots to accommodate the soccer tournaments.

SABC 3 titles such as *EFC Magazine*, *#WTF*, *Top Billing*, *World of Dance*, *Bollywood Movie*, *Mela*, *Hectic on 3*, *Afternoon Express*, *Harry* and *Keeping Score* will not be aired on days where soccer games will be played. The channel will communicate the schedule changes to its audience.

Attached to the statement are the broadcast schedules for TV and Radio

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