



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC TO HOST A MULTIFAITH EASTER SCHEDULE

Johannesburg – Thursday, 09 April 2020 – The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is pleased to announce that it will be broadcasting a multifaith Easter schedule to assist millions of South Africans to observe the Easter period.

Subsequent to President Cyril Ramaphosa's declaration that the country will be on a 21-day lockdown to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and noting that the lockdown affects widely observed religious holidays in South Africa, the SABC has partnered with the South African Council of Churches (SACC), to render an uplifting "Let us Pray" schedule, to mark the Easter period. The schedule includes: -

- A Good Friday Special on 10 April 2020, from 15h00 to 17h30 on SABC 2
- An Easter Sunday Special on 12 April 2020, from 11h00 to 13:00 on SABC 2
- An Interfaith Special on 12 April 2020, between 13h00 and 14h00 on SABC 2 and
- A Unity in Diversity Special on 12 April 2020, between 14h00 and 14h30 on SABC 1.

To realise this, the SABC is providing a platform to various faith communities to share their messages in observance of this period. Additionally, among the variety of special programmes to be aired on SABC radio stations are the much-anticipated sermons marking the Seven Words of Christ on the Cross. These sermons will be delivered at different times on all African Language radio stations as per tradition. Likewise, Lotus FM will be providing faith-based programming relevant to its listenership. The schedule includes a variety of devotional and inspirational music, as well as uplifting spiritual messages. All participating radio stations will announce their respective schedules through on-air promos, and on their dedicated social media platforms.

The Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO), Mr. Madoda Mxakwe says "In difficult and uncertain times like this, it is crucial for the public broadcaster to become the voice of reassurance to the nation. It is for this reason that the SABC is opening up spaces across its

