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ICASA LAUNCHES PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE STATE OF COMPETITION IN THE ICT SECTOR

12 March 2014

Johannesburg – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa hereby invites the media and other stakeholders to a Press Conference to announce the launch of a high level Inquiry into the State of Competition in the Information and Communications Technology sector.

The Information and Communications Technology sector has been, and continues to undergo rapid technological changes with far reaching implications for the local and international industries. One area, in which these changes are more pronounced, is in the competitiveness of the electronic communications, broadcasting and postal sectors and the assumption that greater competition will lead to reduction in the cost to communicate.

Another issue is what impact any consolidation of the market will have on the state of competition, the cost to communicate and bridging the digital divide. The question of the assignment of spectrum for broadband will also have an effect on the state of competition in the ICT sector.

It is against this background that the Authority is embarking on a wide ranging inquiry to develop a full appreciation of the implication of these unfolding changes and developments on the regulation of competition in the ICT sector.

Date : Thursday, 13 March 2014
Time : 10H:00
Venue: ICASA Head Office
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