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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY MARKETS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

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**Johannesburg** – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) published a notice of its intention to conduct an inquiry to determine the priority markets in the electronic communications sector.

This notice, published on 30 June 2017, forms part of a number of initiatives ICASA is doing to address the high cost of communication in South Africa including the cost of data.

ICASA is currently in consultation with other regulatory bodies such as the National Consumer Commission and the Competition Commission to find ways in which data costs can be further reduced for the benefit of consumers.

The purpose of this inquiry is to:

- to identify relevant wholesale and retail markets or market segments in the telecommunications sector that are generally prone to *ex ante* regulation; and
- to determine from these markets and market segments those that the Authority intends to prioritize for market reviews and potential regulation in terms of section 67(4) of the ECA following the conclusion of this inquiry.

To this end, the Authority requests information and opinions from stakeholders in line with the questionnaire to be published together with the notice to conduct an Inquiry in the Government Gazette.

The abovementioned questionnaire is available on the ICASA website at <http://www.icasa.org.za> and Head Office library in Sandton during working hours.

All communication in terms of this process must be directed to the Chairperson: Priority Markets Council Committee at [prioritymarkets2017@icasa.org.za](mailto:prioritymarkets2017@icasa.org.za).

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