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# WHO ARE WE?

- Established in July 2000 as a merger of the South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (SATRA) and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA).
- Official regulator of the South African communications, broadcasting and postal services sectors.

# REGULATORY MANDATE

Mandate is set out in the

- Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Act, Act No 13 of 2000,
- Electronic Communications Act, Act No 35 of 2005, as amended,
- Postal Services Act No 24 of 1998 and the
- Broadcasting Act No 4 of 1999 for the regulation of electronic communications in the public interest



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- Develop regulations for these sectors,
- Issue licences to telecommunications and broadcasting service providers
- Monitor licensee compliance with rules and regulations, plan and
- Manage the radio frequency spectrum, and
- Protect consumers against unfair business practices and poor-quality services.

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

## Promote competition

- ICASA implements measures to facilitate effective, competitive markets in the sector.

## Promote the digital agenda

- ICASA aims to create an environment conducive to universal broadband provision and digital broadcasting services.

## Improve the stakeholder and consumer experience

- ICASA's third objective is to facilitate an efficient, operational environment to reduce regulatory burden, contribute to social cohesion and nation building, and protect audiences and consumers from harmful practices.

# LICENSING FRAMEWORK FOR SATELLITE SERVICES

- Launched an inquiry into the licensing framework for satellite services in South Africa.
- Closing date: November 12 to comment on the proposed new licensing framework for satellite services as outlined in the 'Consultation on the proposed new licensing framework for satellite services' gazetted by **ICASA** on August 14 2024.
- Objectives of the new inquiry:
  - Development of a transparent and streamlined regulatory framework with clear rules to establish regulatory certainty for potential satellite operators in South Africa.
  - Determine a regulatory and licensing framework for satellite services and the procedures that **ICASA** may implement for the provision of satellite services in the country, as well as to consider the need to review spectrum fees, taking into account the increasing amount of bandwidth used by satellite systems operating in higher frequency bands.
  - Probe also aims to determine the procedures for authorising user terminals, Internet of Things terminals, earth station user terminals communicating with space stations while in motion and ground earth stations in the South African territory, as well as determine the procedures for the registration of international satellite operators that intend providing a service either directly or indirectly, through existing licensed operators, to South African consumers.

Noting that technological advances have enabled satellites to provide broadband connectivity to large areas at minimal extra marginal cost



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