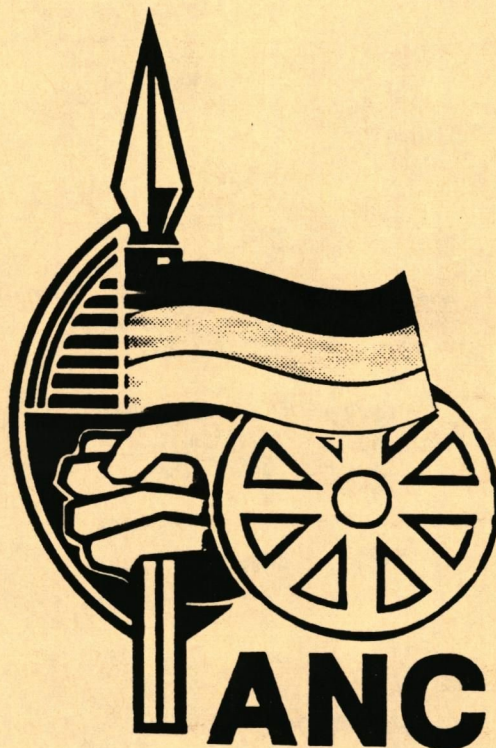


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NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

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NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, 7 October 1992

VENUE: Boardroom, 10th Floor

TIME: 10:00

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Opening*
- 2. Adoption of Agenda*
- 3. Apologies*
- 4. Restructuring of SABC*
- 5. March to Mmabatho
(March to Ulundi)*
- 6. ANC WL: Proposal on Gender and Development Workshop*
- 7. Commission on the Emancipation of Women:
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- Membership of Cde Dorothy Magolo*
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- 9. DIA: Appointment of Chief Representative to Cuba*

SABC

RESTRUCTURING

WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING

September 30, 1992

Special report

SABC: restructuring by stealth

■ The **South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC)** is preparing to launch a national current affairs and education **Public Broadcast Service (PBS)** on its spare TV and radio channels, *TSS* and *Radio 2000*.

It plans to contract out part of the PBS operation to a commercial education media company, **Alset**. The PBS initiative will free SABC to turn its two TV major channels, **TV1** and **CCV**, into predominantly entertainment channels, running mainly imported soap operas, feature films and sport.

If this move succeeds, it will remove SABC still further from its supposed function as a public broadcasting service fulfilling the internationally-recognised objectives of providing information, education and entertainment for all South Africans.

And it will be extremely, if not prohibitively, expensive for an incoming administration to reverse the trend.

The PBS plan will be publicly aired for the first time at a conference on broadcasting and distance education to be convened by Alset on October 16. But concrete moves are already underway to establish it: trust documents for PBS and the contract with Alset have already been drafted.

The PBS initiative is the brainchild of **Wynand Haremse**, chief executive officer of the SABC, and one of the four SABC executives least likely to retain their jobs in any de-politicisation of the corporation.

The others are SABC board chairperson **Christo Viljoen**, TV head **Quentin Green** and TV news head **Johan Pretorius**. There is speculation in SABC that Haremse could take an executive post in Alset, or whatever company is established to operate PBS.

TSS (the name is an acronym for *Topsport, Spare/Spaar*) is currently used for overflow sport from the two main channels, with aging, and predominantly US, education programmes used to fill in its broadcasting time. The government-initiated **Viljoen Commission** last year opposed its operation as a fully-fledged third SABC channel. The PBS move appears to be both a means of sneaking a third channel in through the back door, and restructuring to preempt changes to control of South African broadcasting demanded in the **Codesa** negotiations by **Patriotic Front** affiliates.

It is the latest, and one of the most crucial, in a series of unilateral moves by SABC since the Codesa talks began to restructure public broadcasting.

Other recent moves include:

■ The transformation of one of the SABC's five internal divisions, that controlling signal distribution, into an SABC owned company. This takes effect from October 1, and appears to be a first step towards unilaterally granting private, commercial broadcasting licences - a specific breach of the one of the few meaningful agreements reached on broadcasting in Codesa.

■ The launch of a commercial, international radio station.

n Extensive programme restructuring, including the scrapping of all SABC coverage of "minor" sports - everything other than rugby, cricket, athletics, boxing and soccer.

■ The merging of TV2 and TV3 into CCV (the cynically-named *Contemporary Cultural Values* channel), with the associated cut-back in African-language programming other than game shows.

The moves are part of a general SABC drive towards full commercialisation. The corporation last year began transforming its departments into stand-alone business units. SABC's strategic plan is that each of these should, as soon as possible, cover their costs and begin generating profits. The scrapping over coverage of smaller sports is an example of this trend.

Units unable to cover their costs are currently funded by cross-subsidisation from others. But the ultimate logic would be to close the non-profit units - which include all African-language radio stations (even the massive *Radio Zulu*) and *Television News Productions*, which produces all television news.

With the establishment of PBS these could be transferred from direct SABC control.

The driving force behind SABC's full commercialisation is Quentin Green, an accountant with no

broadcasting experience appointed to head SABC's TV operations last year. Green has also been a central figure in SABC's aggressive move into "charity" game shows and scratch card lotteries, via **Ithuba**, a joint initiative of SABC and a commercial company, **Games Africa**, headed by British national, **Gareth Pyne-James**. SABC and Games Africa take a significant proportion of money collected through Ithuba as administrative costs and unilaterally decide which charities the balance goes to. Ithuba has drawn off such a high proportion of public contributions to charity that **Viva**, the fund-raising vehicle of South Africa's major charities (including **Operation Hunger**), has been forced to open negotiations to discuss merging with Ithuba.

Meanwhile, the requirement of business unit self-sufficiency is also having the effect of down-grading the importance of news and current affairs programmes within the SABC. TV news, *Agenda* and *Newsline* consistently attract larger audiences than any other programme. But at a recent conference on broadcasting Pretorius spoke of current affairs programming as a public service broadcasting "obligation" rather than a major SABC selling-point. This is counter to the international trend. Pretorius did not say so, but the implication of this attitude is that responsibility for current affairs programming will eventually be transferred to the new PBS.

Among the new channel's planned programmes is a weekly political discussion programme hosted by Idasa's **Frederik van Zyl Slabbert**.

Politically, the impact of the restructuring will be significant and extremely difficult to reverse, particularly for ANC or Patriotic Front representatives in a multi-party interim government. The changes are being made under the guise of "programme changes" - an area of operation both SABC and the De Klerk government have argued strongly should remain outside the area of control of the **independent telecommunications authority** (ITA) agreed at Codesa.

Reversing the process will be even more difficult if SABC begins selling off its regional radio stations (*Highveld, Good Hope, Port Natal* etc.), as it has been hinting it wants to.

It is important to note that in the Codesa talks the **De Klerk** government stalled any agreement on SABC itself. Instead it successfully kept the debate focused on the umbrella regulating body, the ITA. Days before Codesa II, government negotiators proposed direct talks with SABC itself over expansion of the corporation's board of control to include some non-government influence. This would be limited, however: SABC wants to add just five extra seats to the 15-member board, most of whose current members were appointed by **PW Botha**.

While the unilateral restructuring is clearly an issue of concern, the choice of Alset is equally so.

A production house headed by former SABC news anchor **Pat Rogers** formally submitted a proposal to Codesa in March that SABC grant it the use of TSS for a similar current affairs and education channel. His proposal has been ignored - possibly because he clashed repeatedly with SABC news managers over bias in news before he was finally eased out of the corporation.

Alset is an off-shoot of the Cape Town-based **Community Education Computer Society**, and is run by **Manie Eager** (fired ex-manger of *Vrye Weekblad*), and American national **Al Karachi**, both extremely commercially ambitious.

It was originally established, with substantial US government backing, as a company handling and selling computers for education programmes. But last year Eager and Karachi, apparently recognising the commercial potential in the overlap between broadcasting and education, shifted emphasis. They arranged a conference in which they attempted to interest progressive media formations in an education-broadcasting initiative. Although they attracted the attention of Haremse, they were unsuccessful with the media formations.

They will try again on October 16 - and this time, with SABC's support, they hope to force the media formations to back them, or be left behind.

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WORKSHOP



**ANC
WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

TO : NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE
FROM : ANCWL POLICY DIVISION
DATE : 5 OCTOBER 1992

SUBJECT MATTER

Convening Inter-Department workshop on Gender and Development.

DECISIONS REQUIRED FROM NWC

1. *To convene the workshop under NWC auspices.*
2. *ANC Women's League to take responsibility for planning, co-ordination and all practical tasks.*

BACKGROUND MOTIVATION

Internationally, women are understood to be the cornerstone of development. It is essential that we understand how the question of gender cuts across all areas of ANC work and policy development.

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COMMISSION ON THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN

17 September 1992

TO: NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT MATTER: FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMISSION

DECISION REQUIRED:

1. FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION
2. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the meeting of the Commission on 28 August 1992, the Commission agreed to seek the assistance of the NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE on the following:

1. **FUNDS**

The NWC established the Commission, but we were informed that no funds have been set aside for it to function. Thus there is some question over the salaries of the 2 comrades who have been employed in terms of the Secretary General's approval last April. (Correspondence attached)

The Commission submitted a budget in March this year and we are now trying to raise funds, but we do need some provision to be made immediately.

2. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The NWC needs to discuss the work of the Commission and appreciate the importance of the appointment of the Executive Secretary.

Two comrades who were identified and wished to undertake the task were not released by their departments: Sankie Nkondo and Jessie Duarte. If neither of these comrades can be released, then we request permission to be allowed to advertise the post. On a previous occasion we were informed that ANC posts were no longer to be advertised in the media - but we note that a number of advertisements are appearing.

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COMMISSION ON THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN

17 September 1992

TO: THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT MATTER: PROPOSAL TO HAVE DOROTHY MAGOLO AS
A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION**

DECISION REQUIRED FROM NWC:

ENDORSEMENT OF ABOVE PROPOSAL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Comrade Dorothy Magolo who is a member of the ANC ALEX. Branch, is the Gender Co-ordinator for COSATU. The Commission's recommendation is that she be appointed in her personal capacity.

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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

21 April 1992

Cde Cyril Ramaphosa
Secretary General
10th Floor

Dear Comrade Cyril

re: **STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION ON THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN**

The Emancipation Commission will require the following Secretariat to implement its decisions and facilitate the functioning of the Commission.

1. **Executive Secretary:** who will function as the Head of the Secretariat, and will need Secretarial and general office organising skills.
2. **Administrative Secretary:** to provide the administrative back up to the Commission, make arrangements for meetings and liaise with the regions.
3. **Organising Secretary:** to help educate and sensitise people on the issue of women's emancipation within the ANC, and to conceptualise, plan and organise workshops.

The post of Executive Secretary was agreed at the time the Commission was appointed. However, Comrade Thuthukile Radebe was unable to take up her appointment for medical reasons. The Commission will now be advertising the post.

We now seek approval to recruit the Administrative Secretary and Organising Secretary, with the tasks outlined above. Both the posts were included in the budget that has been submitted by the Commission.

Procedures for employment as issued by the SGO will be followed.

Your prompt and favourable reply would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

O.R. TAMBO
Head of the Commission

cc. Cde Vusi Khanyile: Head of Finance Department

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

24th April, 1992

Cde O.R. Tambo
Head; Commission on the Emancipation of Women
10th Floor
Shellhouse

Dear Cde OR

RE: STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN

Your letter dealing with the above matter dated 21 April 1992 refers.

We are in full agreement that the staff stipulated in your letter should be recruited forthwith.

We would suggest that we change the title Executive Secretary to National Co-ordinator. The latter title would be in line with our National wage structure.

Yours in the struggle.

M.C. RAMAPHOSA
SECRETARY GENERAL

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC PLANNING

07 October 1992

NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

MATTER FOR DECISION

DECISION REQUIRED: That the **ANC** renders support to the Community Banking Project with the proviso that the **CBP** meets an **ANC** delegation for a quarterly review, on the strength of which further support can be rendered or withdrawn.

BACKGROUND:

Bob Tucker, former **MD** of **SA Perm**, has spent the past few months refining a proposal for the establishment of a community bank. During this period intensive discussions were held with the civic organisations, trade unions, stockvels, key **NGO's** (like **PLANACT**), the Women's Banking initiative and a range of other key players. An important breakthrough came with the voluntary consultancy of Mr Hank Jacklen of the **UNCDF** who has been a consultant to the Granian Bank in Bangladesh.

The objective of the initiative is to extend banking to the unbanked and underbanked people in both urban and rural areas.

The project is now at the stage where the acquisition of an existing financial institution is sought in order to be transformed. Capitalisation and grant-funding will therefore be required.

The initiative is gaining ground (see attached press clip from Business Day of 06 October).

A presentation has been made to the **SG** and the **DEP**. The initiative carries their stamp of approval. It is necessary to secure the endorsement of the entire **NWC**, this is now sought.

Submitted by: **TREVOR MANUEL**

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COMMUNITY BANKING PROJECT

The Community Banking Project is deeply rooted in the democratic movement, with Eric Molobi, Ketso Gordhan, Cas Coovadia and Bob Tucker on its board.

The initiative is established on the premise that the black communities of South Africa represent a vast and untapped market for financial services on a commercially viable basis. Moreover this is a large scale new initiative which would effectively integrate savers and borrowers as well as providing better services in the short term and can play a catalytic function in providing visible and concrete evidence of a changing society.

The objective of the initiative is therefore

TO TAKE BANKING INTO LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES ON A COMMERCIALY VIABLE BASIS and to empower them by giving them appropriate banking services and a sense of ownership and control over the management of their finances.

The Project has consulted Hank Jackelen of the UNCDP who is one of the world experts on community banking, and two firms of management consultants. As a team they have come to the conclusion that if the banking criteria and community expectations are to be met the initiative will have to be on a major scale.

Specifically they have concluded that

- an institution of the size and nature of the Perm or the Allied will have to be bought;

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- the culture and management of that institution will have to be transformed so as to be relevant and appropriate to the communities which it is intended to serve;
- the outlets of that institution will have to be expanded by acquiring the Post Office Savings Bank and other appropriate networks; 5
- all existing initiatives such as the Women's Development Bank, the Stokvels, Get Ahead Foundation and civic initiatives will have to be supported;
- the institutional power will have to be used to deliver appropriate banking services to the communities and to establish community banking within the communities. 10

This is a major initiative and is supported in principle by three of the four major banking groups, by community leaders such as Wiseman Nkuhlu, Dr Motlana and Eric Molobi, and by Dr Jacobs and the Registrar of Deposit Taking Institutions. 15

It is extremely urgent that key decision makers in the ANC should be more fully briefed on the initiative and its implications and have an opportunity to give guidance as to how the initiative should be progressed from here.

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RECEIVED 22 SEP 1992

TO : Comrade Cyril Ramaphosa
Secretary General

FROM : Yusuf Saloojee
Administrative Secretary (DIA)

DATE : 19/09/92

Dear Comrade SG

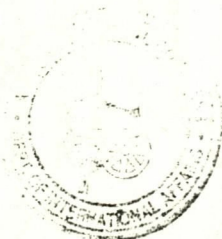
Re: Makhaya Mosia

The Department of International Affairs requests the Working Committee of the NEC, through the Secretary General, to kindly approve the appointment of Comrade Makhaya Mosia as our Chief Representative to the Republic of Cuba. The incumbent Representative, Comrade Jeremiah Mamabolo (alias Kingsley Xuma) is completing his term of office at the end of October 1992. It thus will be necessary for Comrade Makhaya Mosia to leave for Cuba at the earliest possibility in order to receive proper introduction and briefing by the outgoing Chief Representative.

Please find attached comrade Mosia's C.V. as required.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Yusuf Saloojee', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.



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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

TO : Comrade Thabo Mbeki
— Secretary - DIA

FROM : Makhaya Mosia

DATE : 18/09/92

Dear Comrade Thabo

Re: Please accept the following as my CV

My name is Makhaya Mosia. I was born in SOWETO, Johannesburg. I left for exile in 1977 to join the external wing of the ANC and I am also a member of Umkhonto Wesizwe.

I was in MK for 5 years in the "West". Apart from my MK duties I also served as an army instructor in our Adult Education programme. Afterwards, with permission from my leadership I went to study in the Soviet Union for 5 years, but I did not complete my MA degree.

After returning to Lusaka I worked in the ANC department of education for one year under the late Comrade Seretse Choabi. From 1989 - 1991 I studied at the University of Zimbabwe and completed a BA degree majoring in French and Portuguese.

I returned to South Africa in April, 1992. In late June 1992 - August 1992 in response to a call by the Department of International Affairs (ANC HQ) for training in diplomacy I enrolled. The course was done in Paris, Brussels and London and I completed it successfully.

I am ready to be deployed by our Movement wherever and whenever the leadership will deem it fit.

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