

Campaign for Open Media ⁴⁹

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Mr Waters Toboti
Director : Dept of Publicity and Information
PAC of Azania
By telefax: (011) 836-3705

Dear Mr Toboti

1. Thank you very much for your recent telefaxes informing me that you were distributing the documentation of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) within your organisation and to its executive structures, and for the confirmation that either your president, Mr Clarence Makwetu, or your deputy president, Adv. E.D. Moseneke, would attend the press conference and the signing ceremony of the declaration. We are very pleased that the PAC of Azania is willing to lend its support to this important campaign.

2. I am, however, writing to you immediately following a steering committee meeting of the CIB where it was decided to postpone the press conference and the signing ceremony to Tuesday next week, December 1, at 11h00. We are also requesting the people we invited to participate in the press conference to report an hour earlier, at 10h00, so that we can brief them. The venue is still the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism, 9 Jubilee Road, Parktown, Johannesburg. Some of the persons invited to participate, including your president or deputy president, will be asked to address the press conference. Others will only be present to sign the declaration in front of the media. Could you please advise your president / deputy president of the change of date of the press conference.

The reason for this postponement is that we do not have confirmation from a number of people who were invited for Thursday, and others have indicated that they are unavailable on Thursday. We apologise for this inconvenience, but in the circumstances we did not have too much of a choice.

3. Another matter arising out of our steering committee meeting today is that we are seeking an appointment with the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Louis Pienaar, and possibly also some representatives of the SABC, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 11h30 in Pretoria. We are inviting various leaders of member organisations of the CIB to form part of the delegation to present our demands to the Minister. In this regard we are also inviting a leader of the PAC of Azania to join this delegation. We were wondering whether Advocate Moseneke may be available.

Other people whom we are approaching to be part of this delegation include Mr Raymond Louw, the chairperson of the Campaign for Open Media (COM), Ms Nadine Gordimer of the Congress of South African Writers, Mr Jay Waidoo of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr Michael Markowitz, a legal and technical expert on broadcasting, either the president or the general secretary of the South African Democratic Teachers Union, Mr David Middelie, a member of COM and the CIB steering committee, Rev. Frank Chicane of the South African Council of Churches and Mr Pallo Jordan of the African National Congress.

The idea is to engage the Minister and the SABC in a negotiation, which may require follow-up meetings. Consequently the delegates to this meeting will have to meet beforehand the morning of the meeting to prepare themselves. This preparatory meeting will take place at 09h00 in the Cosatu boardroom, 6th floor, National Acceptances House, Rissik Street (c/o Anderson Street), Johannesburg.

4. Could you please confirm the attendance of either your president or deputy president at the press conference next week on Tuesday and whether an executive of the PAC of Azania would be willing to join the delegation meeting with the Minister of Home Affairs.

In the meantime we are looking forward to meeting the PAC's representative at the plenary meeting this Friday.

Yours sincerely

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Campaign for Independent Broadcasting