

# Campaign for Open Media 47

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## REPORT BACK AND NOTICE OF THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING (CIB)

Dear Colleagues

1. At a recent workshop convened by the Campaign for Open Media at Wits University on Saturday, November 14, the 18 organisations present decided to launch a major campaign to be called "Campaign for Independent Broadcasting".

These organisations include:

Campaign for Open Media (COM)  
Media Workers Association of South Africa (MWASA)  
South African Union of Journalists (SAUJ)  
National Council of Trade Unions (NACTU)  
National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC)  
South African Council of Churches (SACC)  
Azanian Peoples Organisation (AZAPO)  
African National Congress (ANC)  
Broadcast Interest Group (BIG)  
Transkei Broadcasting Corporation (TBC)  
Anti-Censorship Action Group (ACAG)  
Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)  
Institute for Contextual Theology (ICT)  
Film and Allied Workers Organisation (FAWO)  
Performing Arts Workers Equity (PAWE)  
Congress of South African Writers (COSAW)  
South African Communist Party (SACP)  
Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ)

To broaden the base of the coalition which forms the campaign, a campaign declaration has been drafted setting out the demands of the campaign. Organisations are now being requested to sign the declaration to indicate their support and association with it. A copy of the declaration is included.

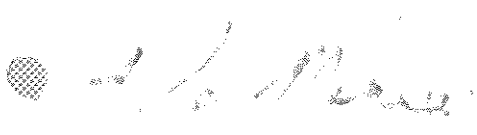
2. A steering committee of the CIB was elected at the workshop consisting of representatives of the Media Workers Association of South Africa (Mwasa), the South African Union of Journalists (SAUJ), the South African Council of Churches (SACC), the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the Campaign for Open Media (COM) and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC).

The steering committee was mandated to hold a press conference to launch the campaign and to take other steps to publicise the campaign and to broaden its base. The steering committee is also arranging for a briefing of the diplomatic corps to take place in the near future.

3. There will be a plenary meeting of all the organisations which constitute the coalition supporting the campaign, as well as all newly invited organisations, on Friday, 27 November, at 17h00, at the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism. The address is: 9 Jubilee Road, Parktown, Johannesburg. ALL ORGANISATIONS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

4. Included is also a discussion document outlining a proposed programme of action for the campaign arising from suggestions at the workshop. It was noted at the workshop that members of the campaign coalition do not have to support all campaigns, but only those that they can identify with.

Yours sincerely



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