

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Parliament of Eswatini kindly takes this opportunity to notify members of the public, individuals, organizations and stakeholders that the Senate Portfolio Committee of the Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology will be conducting public hearings on the **Eswatini Broadcasting Bill, 2019 (Bill No. 20 of 2019)**.

The objects of the Bill are inter alia, to provide for:

- a) the establishment of the Eswatini Broadcasting Corporation national public broadcaster for the Kingdom of Eswatini, by amalgamating the operations and resources of Eswatini Television and the Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services;
- b) the regulation of broadcasting services in Eswatini;
- the maximum availability of broadcasting services to the people through the three-tier system of public, commercial, community broadcasting services, subscription services; subscription management services and online content services;
- d) broadcasting to contribute to the socio-economic development of the society, nation building, provision for educational issues and the strengthening of the spiritual and moral fibre; and
- e) licensing of the corporation.

Those interested in making either oral or written submissions are advised to contact the Committee Clerk (Ms. Ntfombiyancengwa Dlamini) at 79101522 (mobile) / email at <a href="mailto:ntf.parl@gmail.com">ntf.parl@gmail.com</a> / <a href="mailto:adminparl@swazi.net">adminparl@swazi.net</a>. The deadline for registering interest is Wednesday, I I<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 1600hrs.

N.B. Copies of the Eswatini Broadcasting Bill can be bought at Webster Print (PTY) LTD, Mbabane.

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