

Moshoeshoe Monare new SABC group executive for News and Current Affairs

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has announced the appointment of Moshoeshoe Monare as the group executive for News and Current Affairs effective 01 June 2022.



Source: © Times Live [Times Live](#) Moshoeshoe Monare (centre) is new SABC group executive for News and Current Affairs

Monare is currently the managing director Operations and Corporate Services at Arena Holdings.

His appointment comes after the firing of Phathiswa Magopeni, the then SABC news and current affairs group executive, earlier this year following what the SABC called "a breakdown of trust in the relationship between the two parties".



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Magopeni was fired in January ahead of a board inquiry into her complaint, which disclosed serious editorial interference by the SABC CEO, Madoda Mxakwe and other board members.

Sanef supports new appointment

Despite noting that Magopeni still has an impending labour matter with the SABC that is not concluded, the South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef) has congratulated Monare on his appointment.

"Sanef has confidence in the leadership capabilities of Monare, who has held several positions in various news organisations. Also former Sanef deputy chairperson, he brings a wealth of experience into this new role, and we are confident he will lead the news team ethically and professionally, ever mindful of the public broadcaster's mandate to serve all its audiences," says Sanef in a statement.

"We call on Monare, as he assumes his new role on 1 June, to work towards insulating the SABC newsroom from management and political interference, particularly as the governing party has an elective conference later this year," adds Sanef, while assuring Monare of its support when it comes to defending editorial independence, from all sectors of society.

25 years experience

Monare has 25 years experience in the media industry and has also served on the boards of several organisations including Tiso Blackstar, the Media Development and Diversity Agency and Publishers Support Services.

Prior to assuming executive roles, he spent almost two decades in editorial operations, as a reporter for the *Pretoria News*, *The Star*, *Sunday Times* and the SABC before occupying senior editorial positions as the editor of *The Sunday Independent*, deputy editor of *Mail and Guardian*, group political editor of Independent Newspapers, executive editor of *The Star* and managing editor of *The Sunday Times* and *The Times*. He also served as a member of the adjudication panel of the Press Council.



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Monare holds a National Diploma in Journalism from Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), a BA Honours and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Journalism from the University of Witwatersrand, an LLB from UNISA and a Management Advancement Programme from Wits Business School.

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