

SANEF welcomes court decision; will hold media freedom summit

The interim interdict by the Western Cape High Court, against the parliamentary portfolio committee on communications on holding a hearing of a briefing by the [SABC](#) behind closed doors, was welcomed yesterday, Tuesday, 24 August 2010, by the Press Gallery Association (PGA) and the South African National Editors' Forum ([SANEF](#)), which will be hosting a media freedom summit in Johannesburg early next week.



The hearing would have discussed the SABC's "functionality," its turnaround strategy for the broadcaster and the appointment of SABC Group chief executive [Solly Mokoette](#). SANEF and the PGA call on the committee to proceed immediately with the hearings in public so that the public is informed of what is happening at the SABC.

In a climate where SA is immersed in a debate over the seriously negative effects of the [Protection of Information Bill](#) on constitutional transparency and the public's right to know, this interim order strongly discourages politicians from taking it upon themselves to decide what the public should know.



Free speech debate

SANEF will discuss free speech and media freedom in South Africa at a summit on Monday 30 August, 9am-12 noon, at the Southern Sun Grayston, Sandton Johannesburg. Lunch will be provided.

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