

Devi Sankaree Govender leaving M-Net's Carte Blanche

NEWSWATCH: Investigative journalist Devi Sankaree Govender has decided to explore new career opportunities, resigning from her 18-year stint on *Carte Blanche*, effective Sunday, 26 January, when she will make her final appearance on the show, <u>M-Net said in a statement</u> on Thursday, 16 January.

The broadcaster said that *Carte Blanche* will appoint a new investigative journalist to take over the baton from Govender and that more information on this will be shared in due course.



Devi Sankaree Govender | Image: M-Net

"As this chapter in Devi's life journey closes, we would like to express our gratitude for the zest and passion she brought to *Carte Blanche*, our channel and the M-Net family," says Jan du Plessis, director: M-Net Channels. "With her trademark dynamite *Carte Blanche* probes, Devi has made an immeasurable impact on our society as a whole. We will miss her presence on our iconic Sunday night lineup, but wish her all the best in her future endeavours."

"Devi is a brave heart in a petite package with the unique ability to make complete sense of complicated issues of an investigative nature, whether these be financial, consumer or legislative," added *Carte Blanche* executive producer Wynand Grobler. "We have the utmost respect for the way she carried out *Carte Blanche*'s principle of 'truth brings change' and never backed down to get difficult questions answered. Devi's legacy will remain."

"When my daughter finished matric last year and received a golf scholarship to the US, I instinctively knew, that it was time to tick off more items on my bucket list," Govender told M-Net. "It was an incredibly difficult decision to move on, but I will always remember what Trevor Noah told me during our interview in New York: 'Once you think you are at the top, then you should be finding the place where you are at the bottom.' I look forward to the future but will never forget my past."

After 18 amazing years <u>@Devi_HQ</u> will make her final <u>@CarteBlancheTV</u> appearance on Sunday 26 Jan, on <u>@MNet!</u>— M-Net Corporate (@MnetCorporate) <u>January 16, 2020</u>

The <u>#CarteBlanche</u> team wishes <u>@Devi_hq</u> all the best in her future endeavours. We can't thank you enough for the years of dedication and hard work. Your commitment to "Truth brings Change" is heartfelt!

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