

Who is the head of Communications & digital technologies in South Africa?

It is responsible for overseeing the South African communications, telecommunications and broadcasting industries. The political head of the department is the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, who is assisted by a deputy minister. As of August 2021[update] the minister is Khumbudzo Ntshavheni and her deputy is Phyllis Mapulane.

How many TV stations are there in South Africa?

There are at least 12 community TV stations operational in different parts of South Africa, including Soweto TV; GauTV; I KZN; Cape Town TV; Tshwane TV; MpumaKapa TV and Onse TV. e.tv is South Africa's first private and largest English-medium channel.

What is telecommunications infrastructure in South Africa?

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How many radio stations are there in South Africa?

The SABC's national radio network of 18 radio stations reach over 28 million South Africans. In terms of Section 7 of the Electronic Communications Act of 2005, it is unlawful to provide or operate a broadcasting service without a licence. There are more than 165 licensed community stations in South Africa, which broadcast in several languages.

What will South Africa's Digital Transformation Department do?

Over the medium term, the department planned to focus on rolling out broadband to government buildings through the South Africa Connect project, implementing the broadcasting digital migration policy to release digital spectrum, and submitting legislation to Parliament to enable digital transformation.

What is SATCOM in South Africa?

The SATCOM strategy complements South Africa's existing SA Connect broadband policy by leveraging space-based communication networks. Unlike terrestrial infrastructure, satellites can provide nationwide coverage, particularly benefiting rural and remote areas where traditional connectivity solutions are economically unviable.

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