

SABS News International scaled down

SABC News International, which has faced considerable challenges and the lack of viable distribution points, will be substantially scaled down with effect from 1 April 2010, as full-scale operations are no longer financially viable, the SABC announced in a press statement late yesterday, Wednesday, 10 March 2010.



The truncated service will, however, provide the basis for a future 24-hour domestic news channel that will be part of the SABC's digital terrestrial television multiplex.

According to the statement, the decision was based on the strategic imperative for the national public broadcaster to focus on delivering against its current mandate requirements. It has emphasised the importance of the new international news service as a key component of the public broadcaster's DTT strategy, which is central to the corporation's vision for the future of public broadcasting in South Africa.

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