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**MDDA WELCOMES MS NADIA BULBULIA AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER AND BIDS FAREWELL TO MR MONARE**

**Johannesburg, South Africa, 14 October 2021.**The Media Development & Diversity Agency (MDDA) is pleased to welcome Ms Nadia Bulbulia as a new member to the MDDA Board, for a three-year term effective from 16th September 2021.  Ms Bulbulia brings with her a strong set of diverse skills, reinforcing the MDDA Board’s strategic leadership of the Agency in the delivery of its mandate to promote media diversity through the growth of a sustainable community-based media sector in South Africa.

The MDDA will also like to thank Mr Moshoeshoe Nkgakga Monare for his contribution as part of the Board in providing corporate governance and giving strategic direction to the agency for the past five years. His term officially ended on the 13thof September 2021.

Ms Bulbulia is currently the Executive Director of the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) an industry body for the broadcasting sector. She has contributed to the development of the communications industry over the last twenty-five years and spent a decade in broadcasting and telecoms regulation - she was a Councillor at the IBA and ICASA.

She has also worked in the creative industry, education, and telecoms. She served as a non-executive board member at the SABC, NFVF, NEMISA and MDDA. She is a Wits graduate with an Honours in Dramatic Art and her master’s degree focused on Children’s Television Policy.

In her youth. Ms Bulbulia attended the Federated Union of Black Arts (FUBA) where she obtained her Associate and Licentiate Teacher’s Diploma in Dramatic Art through Trinity College (London), she also trained in international relations and diplomatic practice in the Hague (Netherlands).

Nadia is a founding member of the Children’s Broadcasting Foundation for Africa, and she chaired the Soul City Institute for Social Justice. She is passionate about capacity building and the sustainability of a diverse and vibrant media sector.

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