

# Digital TV standards row rages on



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The battle over which standard South Africa will use for digital terrestrial television rages on, with a plan by the National Association of Manufacturers in Electronics Components (NAMEC) to contest a decision by cabinet in favour of the European system.

Namec chairman Keith Thabo says the group, along with organised labour, have engaged with communications minister Roy Padayachie and President Jacob Zuma.

The association wants cabinet to reverse its decision that SA will adopt the second generation of the European standard for digital TV.

The group's plans to contest the decision, first revealed in the *Business Report* newspaper last week, are as a result of its belief that a Brazilian version of a Japanese standard, known ISDB-T, would have a more beneficial economic impact than the European offering.

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