

# Mncube to face tough test at ICASA



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New Independent Communications Authority of SA (ICASA) chairman Stephen Mncube will be sworn into office on Friday, 2 July 2010. However, analysts question how much power he'll really have, saying the department of communications appears hungry to usurp some of the regulator's authority.

Communications minister Siphile Nyanda announced on Wednesday evening that Mncube would take over as Icasa chair from Paris Mashile, whose five-year term of office expired at the end of June.

Despite his having extensive political and industry experience, analysts question whether the 70-year-old will be able to keep up with the fast pace of telecommunications and technology, let alone the political pressures.

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