

2019 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION MEDIA GUIDELINES: 25 MAY 2019

On 25 May 2019 South Africa will host the Inauguration Ceremony of its 6th democratically elected President at the Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria. This follows the election process that took place on 8th May 2019.

Members of the media who have successfully applied to cover the ceremony are advised to take note of the following information:

1. ACCREDITATION

1.1. Application and venue access

On the 8th of April 2019, Government Communications and Information System (GCIS) issued a notice to media practitioners who wish to cover the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony to apply for accreditation. The final date for submission of applications was Sunday, 28 April 2019.

1.2. Collection of accreditation

Media accreditation will be issued as follows:

Dates: 20-24 May 2019

Time: 08h00-18h00 daily

Venue: Tshwane House, 320 Madiba Street, Pretoria.

Parking is available along Madiba and Johannes Ramokhoase Street. Media may also make use of the parking opposite Tshwane House at **Sammy Marks Square (NB, the parking is for a fee)**

The media accreditation is live thus it requires the following:

- Each applicant must personally collect his/her accreditation in person
- A photograph of the applicant will be taken by designated officials and imprinted on the accreditation.
- Applicants will be required to produce proof of identity in the form of:
 - A South African ID or a Passport,
 - In addition to the ID or a Passport, a Press Card or an original letter from the Editor confirming assignment will be required. Without these, accreditation will not be issued.

2. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR ALL FOREIGN MEDIA EQUIPMENT

Foreign media practitioners bringing technical equipment to South Africa should note that full customs control will apply as per norm.

As such, journalists are advised to send a list of equipment (two copies) together with their application for accreditation.

For convenience, journalists are advised to apply for the ATA carnet, an international customs document that permits the duty-free and tax-free temporary export and import of goods.

3. MEDIA FACILITIES

3.1. **A media centre** located on the 1st floor on the West Side of the stadium accessible through Gate 1 on the North Side has been provided and is fully equipped with:

- Wifi access, pool power, plug-in points, pool feed access
- A general work area with desks, where laptops and printers can be plugged in.
- A limited number of enclosed radio booths (available on request)
- Television screens

3.2. Media have also been allocated space for use as television studios situated on the 4th floor, South Side of the stadium. Media may erect scaffolding for building studios on the pavilion allocated below their studio/ suite.

3.3. OB Van Parking

Parking for OB Vans is on the South side of the Stadium along Kirkness Street.

Access to this parking is through Gate 2 on Kirkness Street.

3.4. Venue Lockdown and rigging times

All equipment is required inside the stadium by 20h00, 24 May 2019. No rigging will be allowed after the lockdown.

4. COVERAGE OF THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY

4.1. Pool feed arrangement and access

Government has entered into a host broadcast arrangement with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) who will supply a clean feed to all broadcasters in HD and SD formats.

Media can access the feed at the main Media Centre or directly from the SABC OB truck.

The feed will also include world feed and the coordinates are as follows:

Satellite Name	: IS – 37e
Orbital Location	: 342 degree East
Receive frequency	: 4074.38750 MHz
Modulation	: 8PSK
FEC	: 5/6

4.2. Video and Photography material

GCIS will avail all photo and video material to the media. A clearly marked distribution point will be set up at the Main Media Centre (1st Floor West side of the stadium).

Pictures will also be loaded on Flickr. The link to the album is:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/146830867@N07/>

4.3. Live stream on You-Tube and Facebook

The event will be streamed live on the GovernmentZA Facebook

4.4. Social media

The **official Hashtag** is: #SAInauguration19 used interchangeably with #Democracy25

For more information on the event, please follow:

- @GovernmentZA on Twitter and Facebook
- @GCISMedia on Twitter
- @SAGovnews

There is also a dedicated web-based App on the Inauguration ceremony available on

<https://www.gov.za/inauguration2019/>

5. MEDIA PARK AND RIDE

A park and ride facility has been arranged. Buses will ferry all guests including media practitioners departing from Rietondale Sports Ground, 87 Van Der Merwe St, Rietondale, Pretoria.

Media coordinators on the ground will direct all media to the relevant buses on arrival.

5.1. **Bus schedule:** Buses will run from 03h00 with the last bus departing at 06h00.

All media should be at the stadium by 06h30.

Parking for cars is available on an open field along Soutpansberg Road opposite the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), OR Tambo Building, 460 Soutpansberg Road, Pretoria.

6. ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORTATION

All media should be in the stadium by 06h30.

At the end of the ceremony, buses will depart from Loftus back to the park and ride venue.

Return Bus Schedule to be confirmed

7. CONTACT DETAILS

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