



THE SCENE

A quarterly Newsletter for the Film and Publication Board

“ EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Esteemed Stakeholder,

As we wrap up another impactful year, we are delighted to share this festive edition of our newsletter with you. It reflects on the progress we have made together and highlights the latest advancements, insights, and trends in content regulation that continue to shape our industry.

Throughout the year, our collective focus has remained steadfast on protecting children and promoting responsible media practices. We are proud of the strong collaboration between our organisation and industry partners, working hand in hand to build a safer, more resilient and principled content environment, not only in South Africa, but across the globe.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to engaging with you through upcoming initiatives and events. Your continued support and active participation play a vital role in setting industry standards that prioritise safety, accountability and ethical practices.

On behalf of the team, we thank you for your partnership throughout the year. We wish you a joyous festive season and a prosperous New Year. Please remember to stay connected with us on social media and ensure your contact details are up to date so you don't miss any important updates.

Happy reading ! Keep sending us your stories !
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ACEO'S FESTIVE MESSAGE



As we approach the end of another productive year, the Film and Publication Board would like to extend warm festive greetings to all our stakeholders, industry partners and the broader creative community. This season offers us a moment to pause, reflect and appreciate the collective efforts that have defined the FPB's work throughout the year.

The past year has been one of significant progress and impact for the FPB. Together with our partners, we continued to advance our mandate of protecting children and vulnerable persons while enabling a vibrant, responsible and innovative creative industry. We strengthened our regulatory and compliance frameworks, ensuring that content distributed across films, publications, games and online platforms aligns with South Africa's laws and values.

Our ongoing monitoring and enforcement efforts contributed to the removal of harmful and illegal content, particularly material depicting online abuse, exploitation and non-consensual images.

Education and awareness remained a cornerstone of our work. Throughout the year, the FPB rolled out targeted public education and advocacy campaigns, engaging parents, educators, young people and community leaders on issues of online safety, digital citizenship, and responsible content consumption. Our social media boomed with support and engagements. We deepened collaborations with government departments, law enforcement agencies, civil society organisations and industry role players to strengthen the society's approach to addressing online safety.

We also made meaningful strides in industry engagement and capacity building. Through consultative forums, workshops, and stakeholder dialogues, we worked closely with film makers, distributors and digital platforms to promote compliance, encourage self-regulation and support innovation within a clear and predictable regulatory environment. Our participation in national and international platforms further positioned South Africa as a thoughtful contributor to global conversations on content regulation in the digital age.

As we look ahead to the new year, the FPB remains committed to building on these achievements. We will continue to enhance our regulatory tools and digital systems, expand our public education initiatives, and strengthen partnerships that support safer online spaces. Key priorities will include deepening engagement with the gaming and online content sectors, rolling out new awareness programmes and refining our approaches to emerging technologies and evolving content formats.

The year ahead presents both opportunities and challenges, but we are confident that, together with our stakeholders, we will continue to make a meaningful difference. We would like to thank our industry partners, staff and collaborators for their dedication, professionalism and shared commitment to protecting South Africans while supporting creativity and freedom of expression.

On behalf of the Film and Publication Board, I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful festive season and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to continued collaboration and shared success in the year ahead.

FESTIVE SEASON

OFFICE CLOSURE



We wish to alert the Industry and FPB stakeholders that the FPB offices will be closed from Monday, 19 December 2025 at 10:00 and re-open on Monday, 05 January 2026.

We wish you a happy festive season!

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Advancing online safety through strategic partnerships

During the quarter, FPB strengthened partnerships with multiple stakeholders to promote digital literacy and online safety.

- A collaboration with META supported a four week digital literacy campaign targeting parents and teens on META platforms.
- Engagements with TikTok explored potential partnerships on public awareness and digital safety initiatives.
- We participated at the Department of Basic Education, Integrated Online Safety Programme in Limpopo, aimed at introducing e-safety curricula to learners.
- The Gauteng Department of Social Development hosted a Capacity Building Workshop where FPB shared insights on addressing online risks facing children.

The organisation also took part in the Cybersecurity Awareness Month activities, joining the GCIS webinar alongside law enforcement and civil society stakeholders to promote responsible online behaviour.

Driving collaboration across sectors

We actively participated in multi stakeholder platforms such as the GBVF NATJOINTS work stream, working alongside the Department of Justice, SAPS, and the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities to strengthen Gender-Based Violence initiatives.

We also attended the POWA Annual General Meeting and GBV Diversity Webinar, contributing to national conversations about inclusive responses to gender-based violence, particularly for women with disabilities.

Furthermore, we also collaborated with the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) and the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in preparation for the Western Cape Smart Device Handover, which aims to enhance digital access in schools. Engagements with MTN and MTV Base explored synergies through the Room of Safety campaign, a 10-part series promoting child online protection through relatable storytelling across Africa.

Strengthening Institutional Frameworks

Additionally, new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were drafted with key partners including SAPS, GCIS, and LIMA, while existing collaborations with Netflix and others continued to bear fruit, promoting awareness and education

In September, the Acting CEO engaged students from Eduvos University, leading a discussion on the evolution of content regulation in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The session highlighted the importance of ethical digital practices and adaptive policy frameworks to protect users in an evolving media landscape.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Film and Publication Board proudly announces the appointment of Adv. Noman Nkhetheleni Gidi as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective 12 January 2026.



Adv. Norman Nkhetheleni Gidi
FPB: Chief Executive Officer

The Council is pleased to announce that, following a rigorous and thorough selection process, Council has obtained the Minister's concurrence to appoint Mr Noman Gidi as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Film and Publication Board (FPB), effective 12 January 2026 .

Mr Gidi brings over 20 years of executive and senior leadership experience in the communications and regulatory sector. He holds an LLB, a Master of Laws degree with a specialisation in Communications Law, Broadcasting Law, Satellite and Space Law as well as research experience in Media and Constitutional Law.

The Council is confident that Mr Gidi's depth of experience, ethical leadership, and strategic insight will guide the FPB into a new chapter of strengthened regulatory excellence and organisational advancement.

The CEO and his office will be engaging with FPB Stakeholders in the new year and necessary communication will be issued in due course.


With your ongoing commitment and support, we look forward to building on our achievements and embracing the opportunities that lie ahead for FPB to meet and exceed its mandate.

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As this edition coincides with the festive season, stakeholders are kindly advised to take note of possible year-end operational adjustments. These may include limited office hours, temporary office closures, reduced service capacity, and longer processing or turnaround times during this period.

Stakeholders are encouraged to plan accordingly. Official confirmation of operational dates, service availability and any related updates will be communicated through the FPB’s formal communication channels.

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