

TNS wins contract for radio audience measurement

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Following a rigorous and testing tender process, TNS is delighted to announce that it has been appointed as supplier for South Africa's new radio audience measurement service.



TNS will be working closely with Kantar Media on this programme and Jennie Beck, Global Director of TNS/Kantar Media, will be based in Johannesburg during the set-up and first year of the service. She said, "This is a first for South Africa - a focussed and custom-designed radio currency and all of our global experience in audience measurement will be brought to bear on this programme. I am really looking forward to being very closely involved in the roll-out and delivery of the new currency."

The five-year contract was signed with the Broadcast Research Council of South Africa (BRC) on Friday, 12 June. Clare O'Neil, Interim CEO of the BRC, stated that "this is the culmination of a tough but very transparent and fair process and we look forward to working with TNS to deliver this new service."

Richard Rice of TNS welcomed the news. "We will bring all of the very best that TNS has to offer in the execution of the programme," states Rice. "We understand too, that the broadcasters are not only looking for a reliable currency but for a deeper understanding of how listening habits are changing and we look forward to providing the broadcasters with this additional layer of insights to add value to the currency."

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