

# DOVECOP DIGITAL

SIMPLE ROBUST MEDIA–TECH SOLUTIONS

## Dovecor Digital: Empowering Broadcast Innovation

### The Early Years

Founded by Frank Schultze in the 1990s, Dovecor Digital emerged alongside Dovecor Communications during South Africa's transition from apartheid. We developed innovative, cost-effective broadcasting solutions for early clients like Radio Soweto, Radio Soshanguve, and Portuguese Community Radio, using Linux-based systems to streamline operations.

### Pioneering the Millennium

In 1999, we partnered with United Stations, implementing RCS Airwaves to manage broadcast scheduling and billing across multiple stations like KayaFM and OFM. This era also led us into video production, supporting game shows like *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* and *The Weakest Link*, plus large-scale corporate events for SABMiller.

### Expansion into East Africa

Our expertise expanded into East Africa, supporting broadcasters in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda. We refined our robust systems to serve stations like OFM and AlgoaFM, and later played a key role in launching P4 stations, which evolved into HeartFM and GagasiFM.

### Challenging Projects

In 2007, we faced unique challenges at MPowerFM in Mpumalanga, handling every aspect of its technical and financial operations, resolving signal distribution issues, and overcoming political and programming disputes.

### International Impact

From 2010 onward, Dovecor Digital worked on diverse projects across Africa, implementing backend commercial systems for major clients like Gabz-FM & Yarona FM (Botswana), Clouds Entertainment (Tanzania), Nation Media Group (Kenya) VumaFM, Bok Radio and Radio Pulpit (South Africa). We also consulted for international brands like StarFM (Zimbabwe), and Fenchurch Media in Nigeria, not to mention problem solving at NBC (Namibian Broadcasting Corporation).

### Digital Solutions

Between 2015-2020, we introduced advanced digital broadcast systems, including Axia/Rivendell playout for MoneyWeb, VoIP digital solutions for ClassicFM, and for HeartFM and Kosmos 94.1 in Namibia. We also contributed to South Africa's DAB+ trials, proving the effectiveness of digital open source systems from studio to transmission.

## **Looking Forward**

This experience involves around 38 broadcast station endpoints, giving us today the benefit of being at the forefront of virtualizing broadcast studios using containerized solutions like the Telos Altus range. Our partnerships with AWS, Google, and MTN enable us to bridge the digital divide, ensuring seamless broadcast operations across traditional and digital platforms.

## **Our Trusted Partners**

- Amazon Web Services
- Google
- inq.
- Tru-Fi
- RCS
- Pinnacle Micro Africa

Dovecor Digital: Advancing the future of broadcasting through innovative technology and global partnerships.