

Tracy Cohen - Bio

Dr. Tracy Cohen has just completed a term as a Councillor (Commissioner) for the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA). She was appointed from July 2004 until June 2008. At ICASA, Dr. Cohen was assigned a portfolio which entailed specific projects on market access and competition, including interconnection, facilities leasing, essential facilities and developing the competition framework for market enquiries. She also served on various other ICASA committees including Telkom's price cap review, fixed and mobile RFS compliance, community radio licensing, subscription broadcasting policy and chaired various inquiry processes into mobile pricing, call termination and leased lines.

She has previously held teaching posts at Wits University in Johannesburg and research posts at Columbia University in New York City; the University of Toronto and the London School of Economics. She has worked as a regulatory consultant for domestic and international organizations including the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO). She is a frequent speaker at local and international conferences and meetings.

From 1 September 2008, she will join Neotel (Pty) Ltd, South Africa's second network operator, as executive head of regulation.

In an academic capacity, Dr Cohen is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Wits Graduate School of Public and Development Management, and an editorial board member for the South African Journal of Information and Communication. She has recently been appointed as an advisory member to the South African Law Reform Commission's Project examining legislative compliance with the equality provisions of the SA constitution.

Dr. Cohen obtained her Doctorate in Law from the University of Toronto in 2004.