

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Revocation of Amazing Grace Christian Radio Broadcasting License**

The Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA) today revoked the broadcasting license of Amazing Grace Christian Radio.

The revocation follows failure by Amazing Grace Christian Radio to comply with RURA's sanctions taken after a sermon aired by the Radio on 29 January 2018 in which a radio presenter Nicolas NIYIBIKORA, repeatedly insulted women referring to them as evil. This broadcast followed a pattern of radio shows insulting other religious beliefs.

The conduct of the Amazing Grace Christian Radio violates article 21(4a and 4b) of Regulation No 004/R/MR-MCA/RURA/2017 of 30 June 2017 governing Broadcasting Services in Rwanda in regard to upholding public morality and Rwandan culture and values in general.

Following the breach of the above regulations, RURA imposed sanctions against Amazing Grace Christian Radio, which included making an apology to the public by correcting the aired program, a one-month suspension of the radio and a fine of two million francs (2,000,000 Frws).

A letter was sent requesting an explanation for non-compliance after Amazing Grace Christian Radio ignored RURA's sanctions, and the reasons given in their response were found to be unsatisfactory.

Consequently, RURA has decided to revoke the license for providing broadcasting services, and the radio communication license issued to Amazing Grace Christian Radio.

Amazing Grace Christian Radio is ordered to comply with this decision within two working days from today, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

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