

New line-up at Power 98.7

From 1 March 2017, Gauteng-based commercial talk radio station, Power 98.7 will refresh its line-up.

Thabiso ‘TT’ Tema, who has been the host of Power Drive since its inception, will move into Power Breakfast on weekdays from 6-9am. Thabo Mdluli, who joined the station as a music presenter and later moved to the midnight talk show Power Zone, will take over Power Drive, weekdays 3-5pm. Lawrence Tlhabane, who presented the breakfast show, will move into a stand-in role.



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The station officially welcomes Joanne Joseph, who will take on the daily Current Affairs show, Power Update, weekdays between midday and 1pm. Joseph is not new to the station, having stood in for Jeremy Maggs in the past.

Ayabonga Cawe, an economist and commentator on socio-economic developments in South Africa joins the station as the new host of Power Hour, which will now air from 5-6pm Monday to Thursday. The station also announced the time channel swap between Power Hour and Power Business. Andile Khumalo remains on Power Business, which will now air from 6-7pm every Monday to Thursday.

Sports journalist and commentator, Kwena Moabelo will present Power Zone, previously hosted by Thabo Mdluli, from midnight to 3am.

Weekend programming

As part of its line-up refreshment, the station is introducing four-hour time slots for its weekend programming. Power listeners will now wake up to AK Tshabalala who takes on the 6-10am slot on Saturdays and Sundays. The weekend line-up also comes with new and young talent, mostly from community radio stations, including AB Da Costa on Fridays and Saturdays from 11pm-2am and Becky Motumo and Mputla Mpya from 2-6am on Saturday and Sunday mornings respectively.

Head of programing, Ferdinand Mabalane says, “The changes are a reflection of the evolving needs of the station’s growing audience. We welcome the new voices to the station and thank all talent who have contributed to our growth. We take pride having provided a platform to talent that had no previous talk radio experience prior to joining Power 98.7 and who have now grown into household talk radio names. These include Iman Rappetti, Aphelele Somi, Andile Khumalo, JJ Tabane, Masechaba Ndlovu and Thabo Mdluli, to mention a few.

The rest of the line-up remains the same and is tabled below:

Day	Show	Slot	Presenter
Monday to Friday	POWER Breakfast	06h00 - 09h00	Thabiso TT Tema
	POWER Talk	09h00 – 12h00	Iman Rappetti
	POWER Update	12h00 – 13h00	Joanne Joseph
	POWER Lunch	13h00 – 15h00	Aphelele Somi
	POWER Drive	15h00 – 17h00	Thabo Mdluli
Monday to Thursday	POWER Hour	17h00 – 18h00	Ayabonga Cawe
	POWER Business	18h00 – 19h00	Andile Khumalo
	POWER Life	19h00 – 21h00	Masechaba Ndlovu
Sunday to Thursday	POWER Perspective	21h00 – 00h00	JJ Tabane
	POWER Zone	00h00 – 03h00	Kwena Mbabelo

Monday to Friday	POWER Up	03h00 – 06h00	Sebenzile Nkambule
Fridays	POWER SportExtra	17h00 – 18h00	Thabiso Mbsia
Friday	POWER Weekend	18h00 – 22h00	Pete Radali
Friday into Saturday	POWER Lounge	22h00 – 02h00	AB Da Costa
Saturday	POWER Grooves	02h00 – 06h00	Becky Motumo
	POWER Weekend Breakfast	06h00 – 10h00	AK Tshabalala
	POWER Experience	10h00 – 14h00	Mesia Gumedede
	POWER Fix	14h00 – 18h00	Pabi Mbloi
	POWER Weekend	18h00 – 22h00	Mputla Mpya
Saturday into Sunday	POWER Lounge	22h00 – 02h00	AB Da Costa
Sunday	POWER Grooves	02h00 – 06h00	Mpumi Mambo
	POWER Weekend Breakfast	06h00 – 10h00	AK Tshabalala
	POWER Experience	10h00 – 14h00	Mesia Gumedede
	POWER Fix	14h00 – 18h00	Pabi Mbloi
	Soul POWER	18h00 – 21h00	Ursula Chikane

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