

**ASTRONOMY TOWN MEETING PROGRAMME**

**Dates:** 27, 28 June 2015

**Venue:** Protea Hotel, Umhlanga, KwaZulu-Natal

Friday 26 June 2015		
	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Chair: Prof Renee Kraan-Korteweg</b>
18h00	Welcoming remarks	Dr Albert van Jaarsveld (VC - UKZN)
	Opening remarks	Dr Thomas Auf der Heyde (DST)
<b>19h00 – Dinner</b>		
Saturday 27 June 2015		
	<b>Astronomy Strategic Session</b>	<b>Chair: Prof Renee Kraan-Korteweg</b>
08h30	Bibliometric analysis of astronomy research outputs	Dr Val Munsami (DST)
09h00	Astronomy Implementation Plan	Prof. Nithaya Chetty (NRF)
<b>11h00 – 11h30 Tea / Coffee</b>		
		<b>Chair: Prof Russ Taylor</b>
11h30	Recent SKA International Developments	Dr Bernie Fanaroff (SKA-SA)
12h00	Toward the establishment of the SARAO	Dr Rob Adam (SKA-SA)
12h30	Update on MeerKAT construction and MeerKAT science projects	Prof Justin Jonas (SKA-SA)
13h00	AVN update	Ms Anita Loots (SKA-SA)
<b>13h30 – 14h30 Lunch</b>		
		<b>Chair: Prof Kavilan Moodley</b>
14h30	SA National SKA Science Committee	Prof Russ Taylor (UCT)
15h00	Big Data Africa	Dr Jasper Horrell (SKA-SA)
15h30	Why South Africa needs a 4m class telescope?	Prof Ted Williams (SAAO)
16h00	Driving SALT Science outputs	Dr Steve Crawford (SAAO)
<b>16h30 – 17h00 Tea / Coffee</b>		
	<b>Bulletins</b>	<b>Chair: Prof Thebe Medupe</b>
17h00	SA-LSST	Prof Ted Williams (SAAO)
17h10	Making optimal use of international telescopes located at Sutherland	Dr Steve Potter (SAAO)
17h20	South African Astroinformatics Alliance	Dr Lindsay Magnus (SKA-SA)
17h30	KAT7 Science	Dr Lindsay Magnus (SKA-SA)
17h40	HERA update	Prof Kavilan Moodley (UKZN)
17h50	HIRAX update	Prof Jonathan Sievers (UKZN)
<b>19h00 – Dinner</b>		

Sunday 28 June 2015		
		<b>Chair: Prof Ted Williams</b>
08h30	A consolidated science engagement programme for Astronomy	Dr Beverley Damonse (Acting CEO, NRF)
09h00	IAU-GA	Prof Patrick Woudt (UCT)
09h30	IAU-OAD Review	Mr Kevin Govender (IAU-OAD)
10h00	History of Astronomy in Africa	Prof Thebe Medupe (NWU)
10h30	Iziko digital planetarium upgrade	Dr Michelle Cluver (Iziko)
<b>11h00 – Tea / Coffee</b>		
		<b>Chair: Prof Nithaya Chetty</b>
11h30	NASSP Programme	Dr Kurt van der Heyden (UCT)
12h00	Strengthening HartRAO-university cooperation	Prof Ludwig Combrinck (HartRAO)
12h30	Wits Centre of Astrophysics	Dr Andrew Chen (Wits)
13h00	Proposed South African – Namibian Joint Research Chair in Astrophysics	Prof Markus Boetcher (NWU)
<b>13h30 - Lunch</b>		
Departure		

#### Guidelines for speakers:

- Each regular talk = 15 min presentation + 15 min discussion
- Each bulletin = 5 min presentation (max 4 slides) + 5 min discussion
- A laptop computer will be provided for all presentations
- All presentations to be uploaded at the beginning of the day
- All session Chairs are to monitor time closely and moderate discussions