

SAAO Bicentenary

and the Virtual Unveiling
of the National Heritage Site status

OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY



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| 10:00 | Live coverage commences |
| 10:10 | Singing of South African National Anthem |
| 10:15 | Welcome
NRF CEO Dr Molapo Qhobela |
| 10:20 | Introduction Purpose of gathering:
SAHRA CEO: Adv Lungisa Malgas |
| 10:30 | Message from the International Astronomical Union:
IAU President: Prof Ewine van Dishoeck |
| 10:35 | Address by Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture:
Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture: the Honourable Nkosinathi Mthethwa. |
| 10:55 | Keynote address:
Minister of Higher Education and Training, Science and Innovation,
the Honourable Dr B.E. Nzimande MP |
| 11:20 | Virtual Unveiling of the National Heritage Site Plaque:
SAHRA Chairperson: Mr Moses Makhweyane |
| 11:35 | Virtual Unveiling of the 200 Year Commemoration Plaque:
DSI Director-General: Dr Phil Mjwara |
| 11:50 | Vote of thanks:
Managing Director SAAO: Prof Petri Vaisanen |
| 12:00 | Q&A Session for the Media |



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