

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 (TBC):**
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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