

# ESO/ESA/IAU/Excellence Cluster 'Universe'

## Astronomy Communication Seminars

—Half-hour seminars about contemporary issues in astronomy communication

Tuesday, 29 March 2011 16:00-16:30

ESO Auditorium



## IAU Global Office of Astronomy for Development

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**Abstract:** The International Astronomical Union (IAU), in recognition of the immense use of astronomy to stimulate development, has produced a decadal strategic plan entitled "Astronomy for the Developing World". This plan will target 3 main areas: (i) primary and secondary education, (ii) tertiary/university education and research and (iii) public outreach. At the heart of the implementation of this plan is the Global Office of Astronomy for Development. South Africa bid in 2010 to host this office and was selected as the host country, with the South African Astronomical Observatory, a facility of the National Research Foundation, being selected as the host institute. With strong support from the Department of Science and Technology and the IAU, the Office began its work on 1 March 2011. The history and implications of this Office will be discussed, as well as its implementation plan moving into the future.

