

Quito, September 8 2014

Dear Dr. Govender,

Office of Astronomy for Development

International Astronomical Union

The purpose of this letter is to express the interest of Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador on joining and supporting the Andean Regional Office of Astronomy for Development.

Our participation will be materialized in the support of the following projects mentioned in the proposal

- Andean Graduate Program as support
- Exploration Working Group in Astroparticle Physics as leader

Additionally, we will be collaborating with the following outreach institutions in Ecuador that will also joint the Andean ROAD:

- Escuela Politécnica Nacional
- Observatorio Astronómico de Quito

We have also agreed to designate Dennis Cazar Ramírez as a representative of our institutions in all the committees associated with the organization and communication activities inside the Andean ROAD.

Sincerely,

Dennis Cazar Ramírez PhD Full time Professor

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