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**Dr. Kevin Govender**

Office of Astronomy for Development  
International Astronomical Union (IAU)

Dear Dr. Govender,

The purpose of this letter is to express our commitment and continuous support towards the establishment of the Andean Regional Node.

Since February of 2013 we officially started supporting the creation of the node by consolidating an initial survey of astronomy education activities conducted in Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Colombia for children and schools (Task Force 2). Additionally, there has been a constant exchange of ideas and a growing network through the biweekly meetings with representatives from the Andean countries. Erathostenes project, amongst other successful experiences, have been initially proposed through the social networks and online conferences lead by the TF2 members.

Moreover, Carlos Augusto Molina (Chief of the Planetario de Medellín) and Luz Angela Cubides (Astronomy coordinator) have devoted a portion of their working hours to consolidate projects and promote a collaborative work strategy with the TF2 and TF3 representatives.

We want to continue supporting this remarkable effort as a stepping-stone to strengthen the education and outreach in astronomy from a regional perspective.

Yours truly,



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