

September 11th, 2014.

Dr. Kevin Govender

Office of Astronomy for Development
International Astronomical Union (IUA)

Dear Dr. Govender:

The purpose of this letter is to express our commitment and continuous support towards the establishment of the Andean Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (**ROAD**).

The Planetarium of Bogotá have made a lot of cultural, educational and scientific recreation with children, youth and adults, and many of their activities are inside and outside their installations such as educational institutions, libraries, houses culture and public spaces, through the physical resources such as space museum, mobile planetarium, conference halls, among many others.

For us is a pleasure to contribute to the consolidation of the andean regional node, through strengthening of the so-called Task Force 2 (**TF2**) and Task Force (**TF3**), the which are in accordance with our mission principles. To this end, Alexander Bonilla Rivera (Scientific Coordinator), Germán Puerta Restrepo (Coordinator of Strategic Alliances) and Mauricio Giraldo Buitrago (Misional Coordinator), will devote a portion of their working hours to consolidate projects and promote a strategic collaborative effort of a scientific nature, ludic and pedagogic, whit every individual and institution of Venezuela, Perú, Ecuador and Bolivia, to potentiate, consolidating and developing the is great project.

We wish to contribute to the maximum with this initiative to strengthen the education in astronomy from a regional perspective with global vision.

Best Regards,



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