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Dr. Kevin Govender
Office of Astronomy for Development
International Astronomical Union

Dear Dr. Govender

We here at Universidad El Bosque in Bogotá, Colombia, want to express our interest in joining the Andean Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (ROAD).

Our current participation plan for each Task Force is:

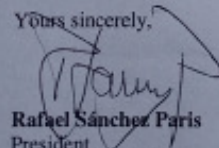
- **Task Force 1** Development of Radio Astronomy through initially small projects with students. We also hope to be part of a national initiative with other institutions to convert and use dishes of 30 m of diameter.
- **Task Force 2** We plan to promote passion and curiosity for science through astronomy, to children in public schools near the University.
- **Task Force 3** We currently offer astronomy courses in a basic level for all undergraduate students. We also offer introductory courses on astronomy for adults and children and courses on astrophotography for the general public.

We therefore appoint MSc Mauricio Vinasco Téllez, associate professor in our School of Sciences and Coordinator of our Astronomic Observatory to represent our institution in the Andean ROAD.


We are very interested in supporting this international initiative with the aim of improving education and research in our country and region.

If you need more details and/or further information about our participation in the ROAD activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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