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Re: Revised proposal to host an Andean ROAD

Dear Dr Forero-Romero

I write with feedback from the International Astronomical Union's (IAU) Extended Development Oversight Committee (EDOC) which comprises the President of the IAU, the IAU General Secretary, the President of IAU Division C, and the 6 members making up the Steering Committee of the IAU Office of Astronomy for Development (OAD). The EDOC is the body responsible for the evaluation of proposals regarding the establishment of Regional Nodes and Language Expertise Centres across the world. The EDOC met on 11th November 2014 to consider your proposal.

I am pleased to inform you that your proposal for the establishment of an Andean Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (ROAD) has been accepted.

The OAD will now coordinate the process to finalise an agreement that will be signed between the host institutions and the IAU. Please let me know your availability for an initial discussion by voice.

I look forward to working with you into the future and please do convey this positive news to all your partners and supporters of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Govender', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin Govender
Director: IAU Office of Astronomy for Development