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INDIA'S DARK SKY POLICY & SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Virtual | 1 March 2025 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 (IST)

OVERVIEW

India's Dark Sky Policy & Sustainability Symposium, is a virtual platform dedicated to tackling the critical issue of light pollution. Excessive artificial lighting disrupts ecosystems, harms human health, wastes energy, and diminishes cultural and astronomical heritage. This event aims to bring together policymakers, lighting companies, and global experts to inspire actionable solutions for India, starting with Maharashtra.

WHY ATTEND?

- Understand the ecological, health, and cultural impacts of light pollution.
- Learn from global experts about successful dark sky conservation initiatives.
- Collaborate with policymakers and industries to create sustainable solutions.
- Be a part of drafting policies and frameworks for dark sky preservation in India



Hi there! I'm Tara the Firefly, a tiny glow with a big mission—To bring back the sparkling night skies for everyone to enjoy. I'm here to show you how we can protect the stars and our planet from light pollution!

OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness about light pollution and its impacts on nature, humans, and astronomy.
- To inspire pilot projects in rural areas to measure the impact of dark sky conservation efforts.
- To initiate conversations about drafting policies for sustainable urban planning, light pollution mitigation, and creation of dark sky reserves.
- To highlight dark skies as a fundamental right for every global citizen.

AGENDA:

11:00 AM
5 min

Welcome Address

11:05 AM
5 min

Shweta Kulkarni: Introduction

11:10 AM
20 min

Dan Oakley: Impacts of light pollution and efforts towards Dark Sky Preservation

11:30 AM
20 min

Yana Yakushina: Growing trends on Regulating Light Pollution.

11:50 AM
20 min

Nalayini Brito-Davies: Dark sky policies & learning from the adaptation in New Zealand

12:10 PM
15 min

Q & A - Panel with all the speakers

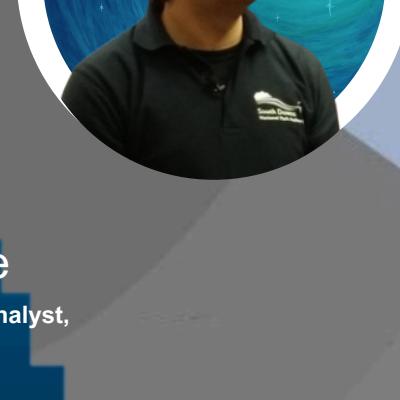
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Closing Session

SPEAKERS

Dan Oakley

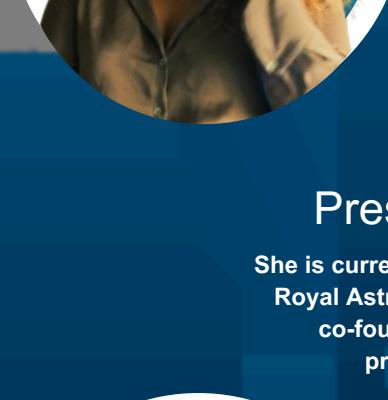
Director, Darkscape Consulting



Yana Yakushina

Policy analyst, and Advocate

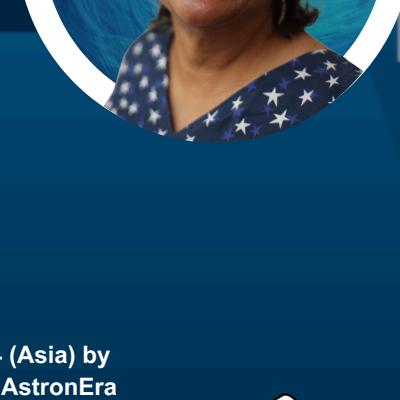
Yana is an experienced legal researcher, policy analyst, and advocate for the protection of the nocturnal environment and the advancement of space law.



Nalayini Brito-Davies

President, Dark Sky International

She is currently the immediate past president and Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand (RASNZ) and is a co-founder of the Aotearoa Astro-Tourism Academy, that promotes dark skies and the education of astronomy.



Shweta Kulkarni

Director, AstronEra

Shweta was awarded the Dark Sky Defender 2024 (Asia) by the Dark Sky International. She has been leading AstronEra to popularize astronomy ,focusing on the sustainable local socio economic development through Astronomy.



I'm so excited to see experts from around the world guiding us at this symposium, and it fills me with hope to see India's policymakers coming together to understand and protect our precious dark skies!

