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The International Astronomical Union (IAU), in recognition of the immense use of astronomy to stimulate development, has developed a decadal strategic plan entitled "Astronomy for the Developing World". At the heart of the implementation of this plan is the Global Office of Astronomy for Development. South Africa bid in 2010 to host this office and was selected as the host country, with the South African Astronomical Observatory, a facility of the National Research Foundation, being selected as the host organisation. With strong support from the Department of Science and Technology and the IAU, the Office began its work on 1st March 2011. The history and implications of this Office will be discussed, as well as its implementation plan moving into the future.

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