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Content guidelines:

- Submitted papers are expected to contain evidence of some new results, to be free of plagiarism and to not unduly duplicate previously published material.
- All papers should have sufficient physics content to justify being considered as a contribution to the proceedings.
- Consideration will be given to research work undertaken within large collaborations e.g. SKA, ATLAS, ALICE, etc.
- Review papers will not be considered appropriate for the conference proceedings.

Author responsibilities:

- By submitting a paper, the author and all co-authors are assumed to agree with the terms and conditions as outlined in this document.
- Only papers presented at the conference will be considered and an author or co-author must present the paper.
- If the primary author is a student, he/she (and their supervisor) must complete and sign the Supervisor Agreement. The Supervisor agreement is required at the time of submission.
- Supervisors whose students submit papers will be required to act as reviewers.

Formatting guidelines and templates:

- Templates (MS Word and Latex) are available under the 'Guidelines & Templates' menu item at the online SAIP INDICO event page. The Supervisor agreement document can also be found here.
- The PDF version of the short paper must be A4 size and 3-6 pages in total length.
- Figures and table should be included in the appropriate places within the main text.
- Deadline for submission: 15 July 2016 (08h00 SAST)
- All poorly formatted papers, or papers which are not between 3 and 6 pages long, <u>will be rejected</u> <u>without review</u>.
- Examples of properly formatted and scientifically sound papers from past *SAIP Conference Proceedings* can also be found under the 'Guidelines & Templates' menu item. Please use these as the desired standard.

Paper Submission:

The *abstract submitter* should upload:

- 1. A *correctly formatted PDF* version of the paper onto the conference webpage before the deadline and
- 2. If the submitter is still a student / has a supervisor / promoter, also upload the completed Supervisor Agreement form (found at: *Guidelines and Templates*)

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- 1. Login to the SAIP Indico system and browse to **Papers for Proceedings** \rightarrow **Upload paper**
- 2. Choose View next to the relevant abstract
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- After the submission deadline the PDF of each short paper will be distributed to reviewers
- At least two subject specialists will be chosen to review and report on each short paper
- A final decision, or a request for revision, will be communicated to the corresponding author.
- The call for reviewers will be under taken twice for each paper. At that point, if no suitable reviewers have been found, the paper will be rejected due to lack of review.

Once all the necessary corrections have been made to the accepted papers, the proceedings will be made available for downloading from the conference webpage.