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African Astronomical Society (AfAS): the voice of astronomy in Africa

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The African Astronomical Society (AfAS) is a Pan-African Professional Society of Astronomers registered in South Africa as a non-profit, voluntary society. Our vision is to create and support a globally competitive and collaborative astronomy community in Africa. Our mission is to be the voice of astronomy in Africa and to contribute to addressing the challenges faced by Africa through the promotion and advancement of astronomy. AfAS's key objective is to develop Astronomy and Human Capacity throughout the continent of Africa through a vibrant and active AfAS. South Africa currently hosts the Secretariat of AfAS through the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), and our office is located at the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) in Cape Town.

This talk will focus on the progress made by AfAS in contributing to science, outreach, communication, and education activities emanating from Astronomy in Africa since its relaunch in March 2019 and how AfAS is further enhancing collaboration among countries in Africa and institutions outside of the continent. Various AfAS led flagship projects have also been initiated to strengthen astronomy activities in the continent further. The talk will also talk about the efforts of the African Network of Women in Astronomy. This initiative aims to connect women working in astronomy and related fields in Africa. Finally, the talk will give an update on AfAS membership and past and upcoming calls.

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