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Southern Africa is home to world class astronomical research on the African continent. We explore the new developments that give the region a boost in advancing astronomy. The Office of Astronomy for Development (OAD) has been established in South Africa to coordinate global astronomy developments. A bid to host the Southern Africa Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (SAROAD) in Zambia at the Copperbelt University has been successful. The Square Kilometer Array (SKA) Project has taken shape and is already adding immense value to human capital development and research. We also highlight the High Energy Stereoscopic System (HESS) in Namibia and the proposed hosting of Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA). These developments put Southern Africa in the lime light, providing many possibilities for regional economic and human capital development.

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