

## Questionnaire to the Astronomy Education and Outreach Community of South Africa

This questionnaire is intended to be the start of a compilation of information that would, besides helping to optimise efforts and resources in the field, eventually support the development of a strategy document for astronomy outreach in South Africa. Such a document, which should as accurately as possible reflect the views and status of the astronomy education and outreach community, could be used to source funding and support from entities such as the DST.

Please answer as precisely and completely as possible and feel free to use more space than allocated or attach any additional documents that you feel would be relevant.

We kindly request that you send the completed document to:

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Question	Response
<b>Section A: Information about your organisation/department</b>	
1. Name of organisation/department	
2. Primary contact person regarding this questionnaire (name, telephone, email)	
3. Location of organisation	
4. Geographic areas covered	
5. Outreach statistics if available (e.g. number of visitors; number of schools reached; etc)	
6. Target audiences (express as percentages e.g. 30% primary; 20% secondary; 50% public)	
7. List and basic description of activities/services you carry out/offer (e.g. workshops, tours, formal education programmes, events, etc). Both local and international.	
8. List of resources you have that can be made freely available to the wider astronomy community (even if only in electronic/master-copy format)	
9. Major attractions and facilities at your organisation (e.g. large telescope, museum, auditorium, etc)	
10. With your current facilities, what is the maximum number of people you could handle at a time? (e.g. public lecture, learner workshop, tour, etc.)	
11. Do you have researchers at your organisation who are <i>willing</i> to help with outreach (e.g. talks etc)? If so, how many?	
12. Language distribution (main languages of audiences and presenters)	
13. Number of permanent outreach staff (indicate number of presenters and number of support staff)	
14. Number of interns/contract outreach staff (again presenters and support staff)	
15. Total annual budget for outreach (Rands)	
16. Sources of funding (express as percentages e.g. 50% Govt; 40% Fund-raising; 10% Fees)	

<b>Section B: General Information Request</b>	
1. Names and contact details of other people in the country involved in or able to help with astronomy outreach	
2. List any contacts you may know of who may have resources that could be used by astronomy outreach groups (include useful websites)	
3. List main collaborators (local and international) along with projects and nature of collaboration. (this is to determine the current network in astronomy outreach)	
<b>Section C: Broader issues with a view to the future</b>	
1. Main objectives or goals of your organisation/department (regarding outreach)	
2. How many more people would be needed in order to achieve your goals more effectively? (presenters and support staff)	
3. What facilities or other capital equipment would you require in order to achieve your goals more effectively?	
4. Considering the above 2 questions as well as the corresponding increase in running expenses, what increase in your budget would be necessary? Please motivate briefly.	
5. List of resources you would like to see developed or made available to the wider astronomy community.	
6. What are the major milestones or events that you would like to see for your organisation over the next 5 years? Attach any plans currently in place.	
7. What are your main concerns or challenges as someone who is involved in astronomy outreach and education?	
8. What advice can you offer and to whom would you direct it? (e.g. DST, SAASTA, outreach community, etc)	
<b>Section D: Other important matters (ongoing)</b>	
1. Please submit any ideas or comments you may have regarding the celebration of the International Year of Astronomy 2009 in South Africa ( <a href="http://www.astronomy2009.org.za">www.astronomy2009.org.za</a> )	
2. Please submit any ideas or comments you may have regarding South African involvement in the Universe Awareness Programme ( <a href="http://www.unawe.org">www.unawe.org</a> )	
4. General thoughts and comments regarding this questionnaire and anything related to it.	