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## To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to support partnerships with the South African Institute of Physics (SAIP). The South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) has worked with SAIP for several years, and commends its commitment and efforts to improve Science and Technology nationally and regionally.

Key projects that the DST has worked on with SAIP include:

- Shaping the Future of Physics in South Africa;
- Physics Teacher Development;
- Science at Synchrotrons and Accessing International Research Infrastructure;
- Strategy to Enhance Physics Training in South Africa;
- Physics Benchmark Statement;
- The South African Physics Olympiad;
- Several International Conferences, Schools and Workshops;
- Entrepreneurship for Scientists and Engineers; and
- Supporting Women in Physics.

SAIP performs a pivotal role in coordinating a network of physicists, promoting the study and applications of physics, promoting physics research collaborations, advising government on science policy, monitoring the quality standards of physics training and fostering the growth of physics in South Africa. Thus, SAIP ensures that South Africa maintains a healthy physics environment capable of supporting a knowledge-based economy through various developmental projects and activities.

Physics is a fundamental basic science required in all its facets to increase Human Capital with Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) skills for key government and socio-economic developmental initiatives such as the Square Kilometer Array (SKA), National Development Plan (NDP) and the Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) in areas such as science Education Improvement, Energy Security, ICT, Pharmaceuticals, Medicine, Mining Beneficiation, Automotive, Nuclear, Defense and Manufacturing.

The DST has collaborated with SAIP for well over 10 years through an annual limited baseline funding to cover its secretariat operational expenses and key projects. In order to increase the scale and impact of SAIP's projects, the DST is recommending that other key stakeholders partner with SAIP through its fundraising trust, which has Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) registration.

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Please contact Mr Brian Masara, the Executive Officer of SAIP ([brian.masara@saip.org.za](mailto:brian.masara@saip.org.za)) should you have additional questions regarding SAIP and its work.

Warm regards



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