SKA SWG Chairs telecon March 2024

Attending:

Chairs and invitees:
Jacco
Viviana
Bhal Chandra
Cherry
Patrick
Betsey
Fernando
Rohit
Mark
Adriano
Katie
Phil
Neenah
John
Ke Wang
Fatemeh
Jack
Aris

SKAO:
Tyler
Wendy
Philippa
Harry

See the slides for details - not repeating information here, only discussions/questions.

Tyler: slides

Timelines
Construction update

Fernando: MeerKAT update

Questions:
Call coming soon - delayed mainly so that the review panel meets after northern summer.
Review panel is largely Europe / northern hemisphere-based, for reasons of meeting virtually - makes timezones easier
How many hours might be available? Unofficially ~3000hrs. Large programmes winding down mean more hours available.

Tyler: SWG Co-chair rotation

Philippa: SDCs
Tyler:
Science meetings
Observatory news
Outreach & engagement: contact, speaker series
SKA positions

AOB:
Fatemeh: how can we be more help during commissioning? Sens. Calculator - many questions, want to have a teleconference with sci ops. Can we share with working group?
Tyler: we can organise a demo/discussion here with someone from sci ops.
Tyler: commissioning and science verification is a bit different. Commissioning needs a firm commitment with significant (multi-month commitment) time and required skills for investing in this [could have Robert Laing SKAO System Scientist come talk about plans for this]. SV is a bit different - using ALMA-model: poll community for well-known targets to observe, and may lead to new science.