

## 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.