

SKAO Regional Centre Network

SRC-Net Resource Board Terms of Reference

- 1. The primary role of the Resource Board (RB) is to coordinate pledges of resources from SRCNet partners to be applied to the development and delivery of core SRC Network capabilities. The Resource Board will also monitor the use of those resources and progress towards an operational SRCNet.
- 2. The expectation is that countries participating in SKA will, over time, pledge resources to the SRC Network in proportion to their contribution to the SKA Project.
- 3. The Resource Board Chair will attend SKAO Council meetings (as will the SRCNet Project Lead) in order to provide regular updates to the Council and the SKAO D-G.
- 4. Each SKA Member and Observer shall nominate one representative to the Resource Board.
- 5. National nominees to the RB should represent the funding agency(ies) or entity(ies) and have the mandate to commit national resources to the SRCNet Project (pledges).
- 6. Every RB representative is expected to maintain close communication and alignment with their national SKAO Council representatives.
- 7. The SKAO Director-General will also nominate one member of SKAO staff to the Resource Board.
- 8. The Resource Board will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, from among its members, for a term of two years, renewable up to a total term of four years.
- 9. Where an issue amounts to a conflict of interest between the chair's role and their representation of their national position, the vice chair will act as the chair.
- 10. Representatives of countries engaged in SKA but not actively pledging resources at a material level will participate as "observers".

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- 11. Observers will not have a formal role in the RB, and will not participate in decision making.
- 12. The Resource Board will meet quarterly on a cycle that is aligned with the SRCNet development cycle, generally by video conference but with possibly one face-to-face meeting a year.
- 13. The SKAO will provide administrative support for the Resource Board, but other costs of participation will be borne by the country or organisation that the member/observer represents.
- 14. At each meeting of the Resource Board, the SRCNet Program Lead will, based on the long-term Roadmap and immediate priorities:
 - provide information of sufficient detail on resources required/requested for the upcoming 12 months,
 - provide a less detailed forecast of resource requirements for the three subsequent years, and
 - report on overall progress, in terms of both development and operations over the past 3 months.
- 15. The Resource Board will:
 - endorse the resourcing level provided by the contributing parties,
 - seek to resolve mismatches between requested and available resources,
 - monitor contributions from SKAO and the countries participating in SKA,
 - monitor progress towards the delivery of the SRC Network and, in time, its operational performance, and
 - provide reports on these matters to the SKAO Director-General and the SKAO Council.

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