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Welcome to the Dark & Quiet Skies Workshop

9-11 December 2025

#DARKANDQUIETSKIESFORSCIENCEANDSOCIETY

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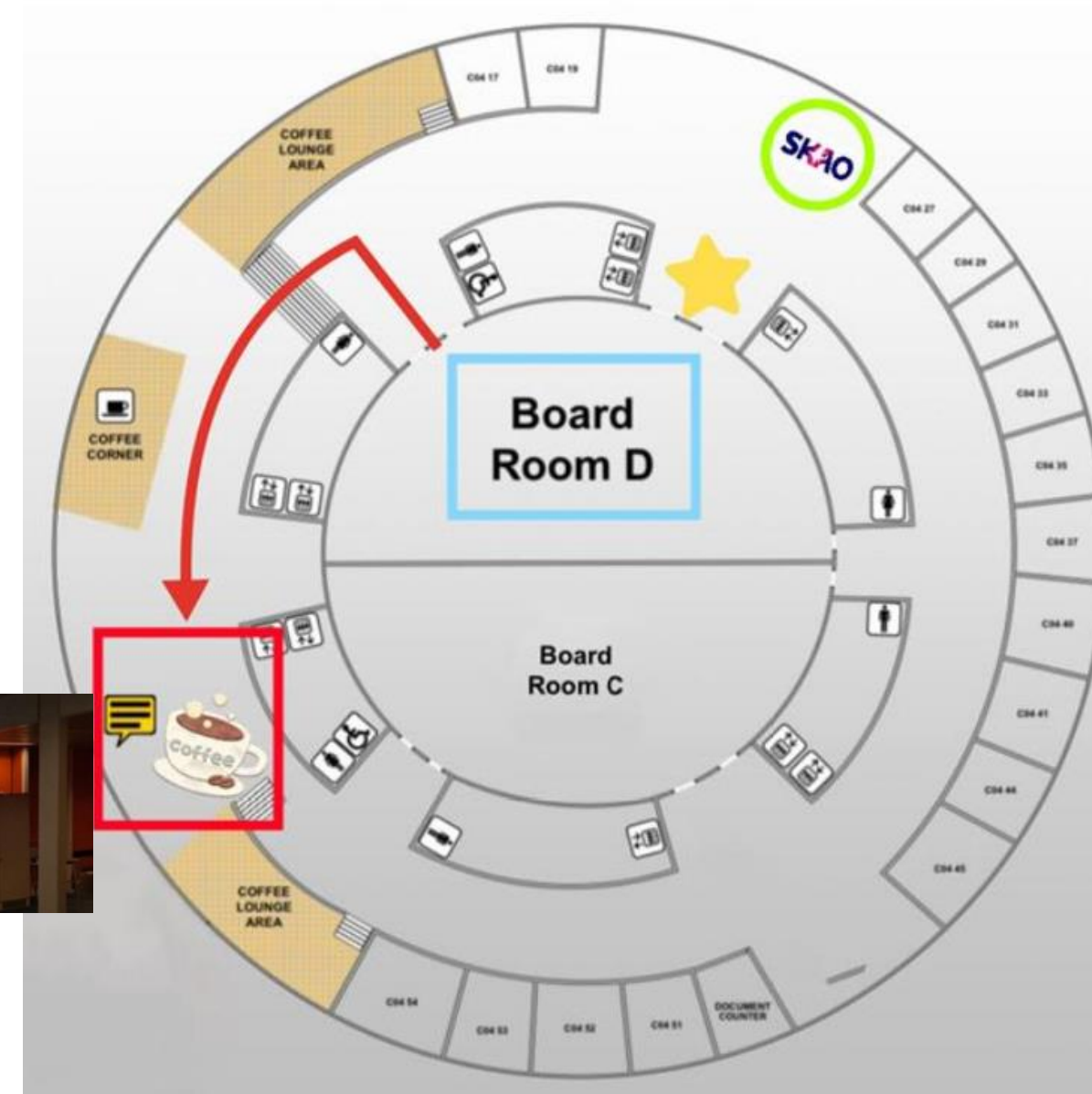
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Rooms

- The workshop is held in Boardroom D (= blue square on the map)
- **Coffee/tea** is served in a designated area next to the coffee corner and the elevators
 - Each morning from 9:30am
 - Afternoon break
- **Group picture** tomorrow before lunch, we meet next to the Christmas tree in the Rotunda downstairs
- **A reception** will be served tomorrow **from 18:00 in the Mozart room** (downstairs, ground floor, between the Rotunda and the main cafeteria).



C BUILDING – FOURTH FLOOR (C04)



Rooms for Friday group exercise

- Each group will be given a meeting place either within Boardroom D or in one of the small rooms surrounding Boardroom D (outer ring of building C)
- **Registration:** please register online (details are on Indico) or meet SKAO Legal team at SKAO corner

Zoom link and Presentations are all on SKAO Indico

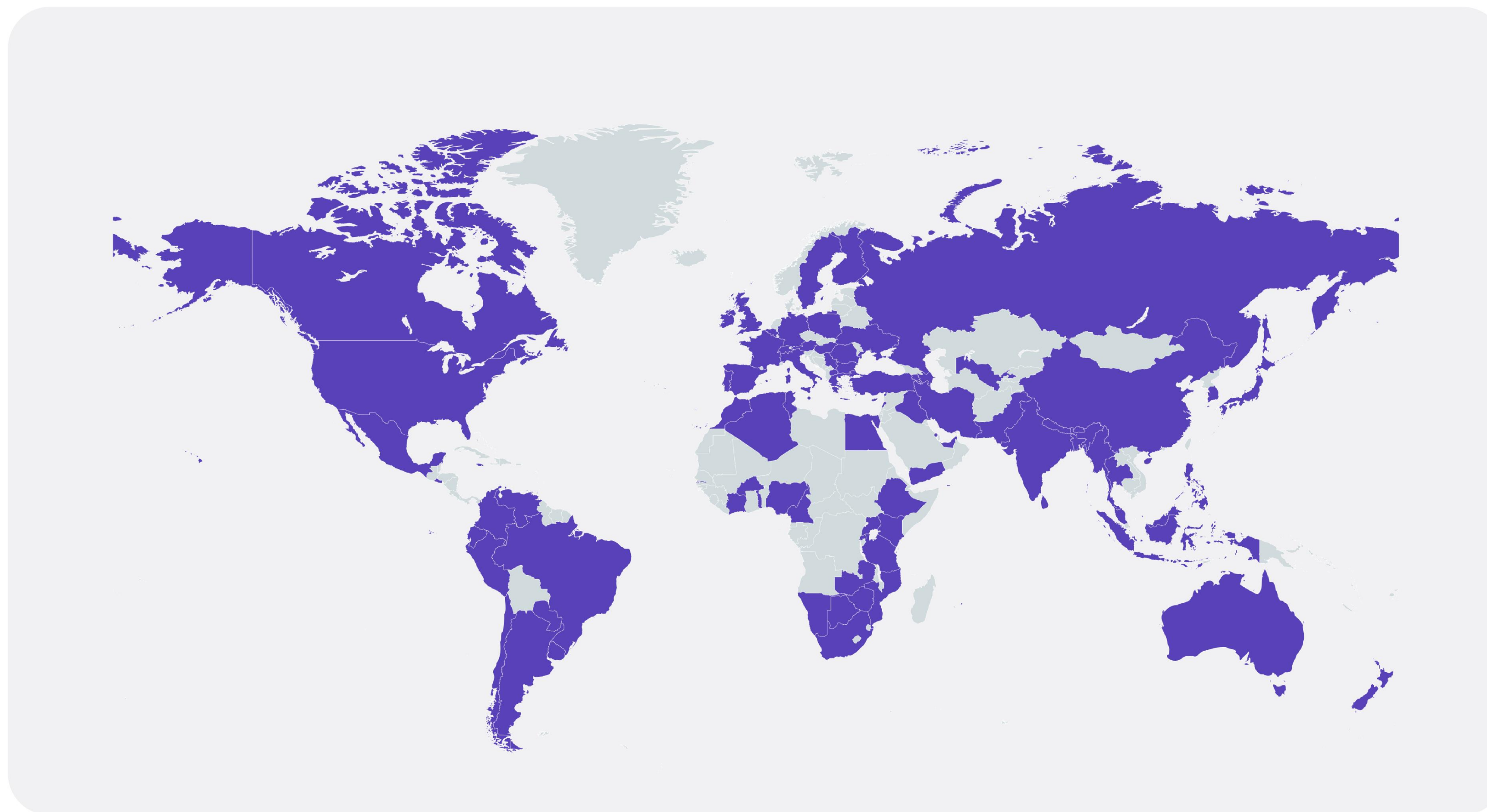
- <https://indico.skatelescope.org/event/1307/overview>
- Email of each presenter is in their slides, please don't hesitate to contact them!



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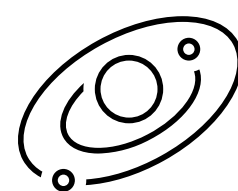
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Attendees online



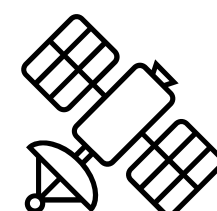
Day 1

Astronomy



Day 2

Satellite constellations



Day 3

Policy proposals

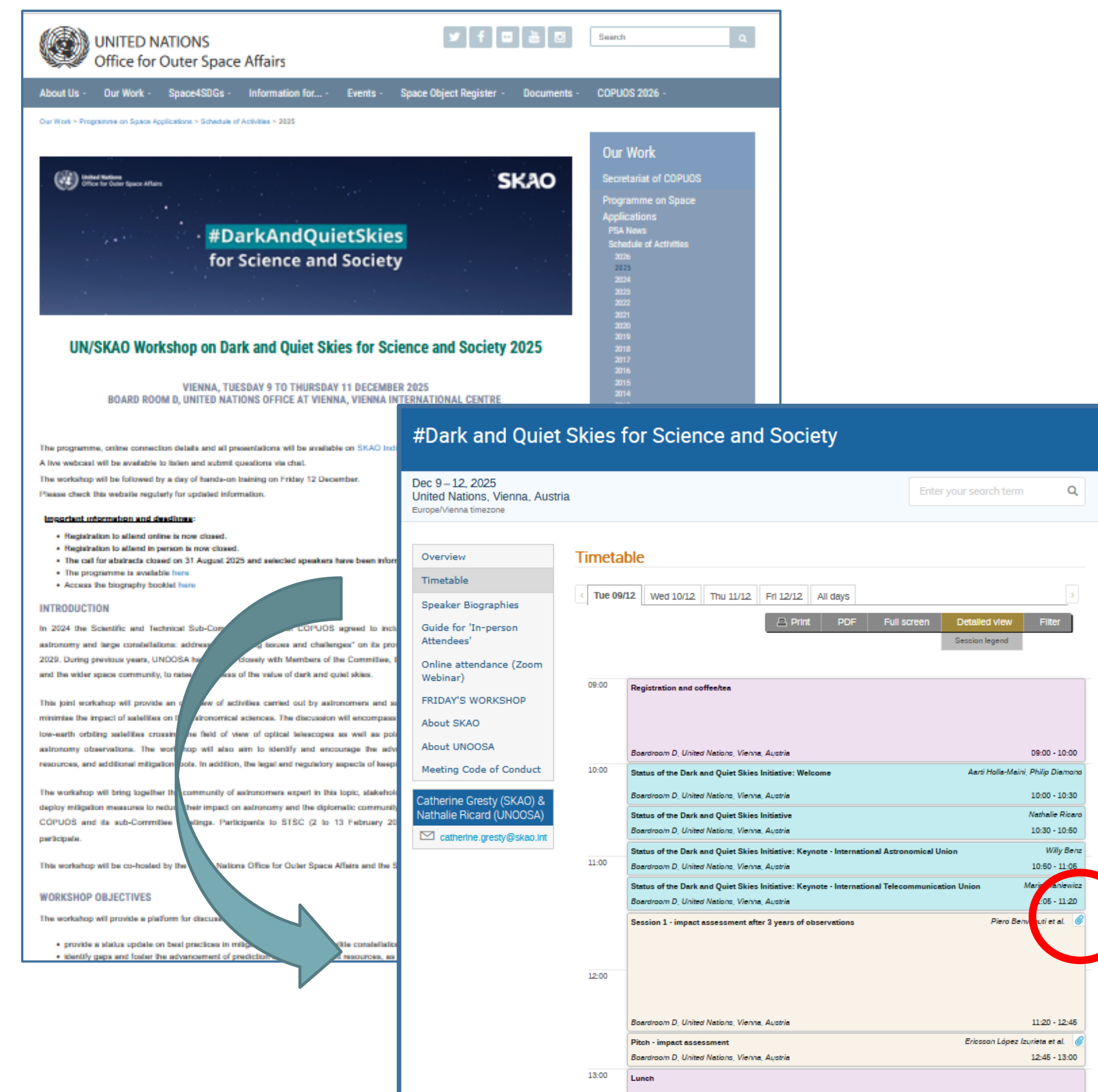


- All presentations and biographies of the speakers were published on SKAO Indico before the event started, to facilitate networking.

<https://indico.skatelescope.org/event/1307/overview>

Click on the icon top-right of each session or panel to access presentations

- The link to Indico is also on the UNOOSA webpage
<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2025/UN-SKAO-dark-and-quiet-skies-2025.html>
- Email of each speaker is in their presentation, feel free to contact them



The screenshot shows the UN/SKAO Workshop website on the left and the Indico timetable on the right. The website header includes the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs logo and navigation links. The main banner features the hashtag #DarkAndQuietSkies for Science and Society. The Indico timetable on the right lists sessions for December 9-12, 2025, in Vienna, Austria. A red circle highlights the session 'Session 1 - impact assessment after 3 years of observations' by Piero Benvenuti et al. at 10:50 - 11:20.

UN/SKAO Workshop on Dark and Quiet Skies for Science and Society 2025
VIENNA, TUESDAY 9 TO THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025
BOARD ROOM D, UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT VIENNA, VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The programme, online connection details and all presentations will be available on SKAO Indico. A live webcast will be available to listen and submit questions via chat. The workshop will be followed by a day of hands-on training on Friday 12 December. Please check this website regularly for updated information.

Important information and deadlines:

- Registration to attend online is now closed.
- Registration to attend in person is now closed.
- The call for abstracts closed on 31 August 2025 and selected speakers have been informed.
- The programme is available [here](#).
- Access the biography booklet [here](#).

INTRODUCTION

In 2024 the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the COPUOS agreed to include astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges" on its pro-gramme for 2025. During previous years, UNOOSA has been working closely with Members of the Committee, the wider space community, to raise awareness of the value of dark and quiet skies.

This joint workshop will provide an overview of activities carried out by astronomers and to minimise the impact of satellites on astronomical sciences. The discussion will encompass low-earth orbiting satellites crossing the field of view of optical telescopes as well as potential astronomy observations. The workshop will also aim to identify and encourage the use of resources, and additional mitigation steps. In addition, the legal and regulatory aspects of keep-

The workshop will bring together the community of astronomers expert in this topic, stakeholder deploy mitigation measures to reduce their impact on astronomy and the diplomatic community COPUOS and its sub-Committee meetings. Participants to STSC (2 to 13 February 2025) participate.

This workshop will be co-hosted by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the SKAO.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- provide a status update on best practices in mitigation of satellite constellations
- identify gaps and foster the advancement of predictions and resources, as

#Dark and Quiet Skies for Science and Society
Dec 9 – 12, 2025
United Nations, Vienna, Austria
Europe/Vienna timezone

Overview

- Timetable
- Speaker Biographies
- Guide for 'In-person Attendees'
- Online attendance (Zoom Webinar)
- FRIDAY'S WORKSHOP
- About SKAO
- About UNOOSA
- Meeting Code of Conduct

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Timetable

< Tue 09/12 Wed 10/12 Thu 11/12 Fri 12/12 All days >

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Session legend

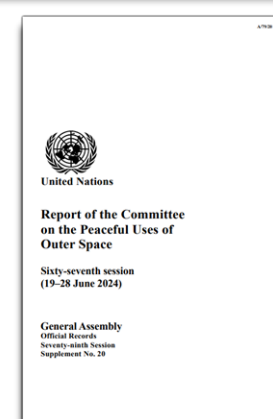
Time	Session	Speaker
09:00	Registration and coffee/tea	
09:00 - 10:00	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
10:00	Status of the Dark and Quiet Skies Initiative: Welcome	Aarti Holla-Maini, Philip Diamond
10:00 - 10:30	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
10:30	Status of the Dark and Quiet Skies Initiative	Nathalie Ricard
10:30 - 10:50	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
11:00	Status of the Dark and Quiet Skies Initiative: Keynote - International Astronomical Union	Willy Benz
10:50 - 11:05	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
11:05	Status of the Dark and Quiet Skies Initiative: Keynote - International Telecommunication Union	Meri Aarnio
11:05 - 11:20	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
11:20	Session 1 - impact assessment after 3 years of observations	Piero Benvenuti et al.
11:20 - 12:45	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
12:45	Pitch - impact assessment	Ericsson López Izurieta et al.
12:45 - 13:00	Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria	
13:00	Lunch	



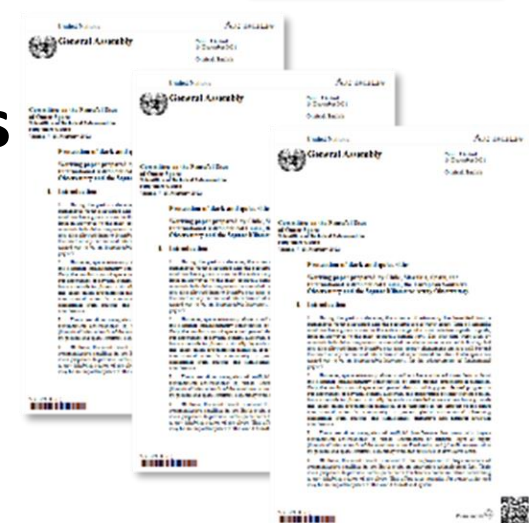
UNOOSA as Secretariat



- Decision on Agenda Item in June 2024 (A/79/20)



- Mentions in Reports



Conference report
in 6 UN languages
A/AC.105/1255



Workshop report
in 6 UN languages
A/AC.105/1348
to be provided to
STSC 2-13 Feb.2026



UNOOSA as Capacity Builder

Programme
on Space
Applications

Awareness-
raising

Space4SDGs

- Online workshop and conference 2020-2021



- Workshop 9-11 Dec. 2025





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Feedback form
<https://forms.office.com/e/9dhVWC5Nx7>

