



# African Astronomical Society conference and General Assembly 2025 (AfAS-2025)

## Monday, 24 March 2025

**Opening Ceremony: AfAS-2025 Opening - 1/1-1 - Main Auditorium: Senate I (09:00 - 10:40)**

-Conveners: Melusi Khumalo

time	[id] title	presenter
09:00	[289] Welcome message and Introduction of the VC	Prof. MAMBA, Bhekie
09:10	[293] Welcome Address	Prof. LENKABULA, Puleng
09:30	[297] Opening Remarks by AfAS President	Prof. MEDUPE, Thebe
09:40	[298] Message from the President of the International Astronomical Union (IAU)	Prof. BENZ, Willy
09:45	[299] Message from the European Astronomical Society (EAS)	Prof. LUCATELLO, Sara
09:50	[300] Message from the American Astronomical Society (AAS)	Prof. NORMAN, Dara
09:55	[303] Message from the IAU Office of Astronomy for Development (IAU-OAD)	GOVENDER, Kevin
10:00	[324] Message From the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)	GOEDHART, Sharmila
10:05	[326] Message of support British High Commission	
10:15	[328] Keynote Address: DSTI Chief Director - Astronomy	
10:35	[330] Housekeeping Announcements	CHIBUEZE, James