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Call for reviewers: IAU Office of Astronomy for Development

The [IAU Office of Astronomy for Development](#) (OAD) promotes the use of astronomy as a tool for socioeconomic development. The primary instrument for this has been the OAD's annual open call for proposals, which has funded 200+ astronomy-for-development projects in 90+ countries over the last 7 years.

This is a call for members of the IAU to serve on the panel that reviews the proposals submitted to this annual funding opportunity. The panel comprises experts from the fields of astronomy, education, outreach and development.

The call is run in two stages. At stage 1 reviewers are asked to score approximately 15 anonymised proposals of length ~2 pages. This usually happens over a 3 week period spanning May /June.

Approximately 40 proposals from Stage 1 are selected for Stage 2, which involves a more detailed proposal. Reviewers score ~10 of these proposals over a period of 4 weeks spanning September/October.

To get involved or find out more please get in touch with us at the OAD by *5 March 2021*:
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