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## **UCT to host the International Space Day commemoration**

**12 November 2025 | 18:00 SAST | Kramer Law Building, middle campus**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will host a public talk by the Italian National Institute for Astrophysics' (INAF) Dr Grazia Umama to mark Italian National Space Day.

Dr Umama will explore the science behind some of the world's most powerful radio telescopes, including MeerKAT, MeerKAT+ and the upcoming Square Kilometre Array (SKA). She will take the audience on a journey through pulsars, galaxies and the cosmic mysteries that continue to inspire discovery.

The talk will also highlight the growing collaboration between Italy and South Africa in radio astronomy and how these partnerships are shaping the future of global space science.

The event will take place as follows:

**Date:** 12 November

**Time:** 17:30 for 18:00

**Venue:** Kramer Law Building, Lecture Theatre 2

Members of the media are requested to [RSVP](#) for attendance.

*This public talk is organised as a side event of the [RADIOMAP collaboration workshop](#), which marks the conclusion of a successful three-year research exchange programme between Italy and South Africa, focused on MeerKAT science and the preparation for the SKA. This programme was supported by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the South African Department of Science and the South African National Research Foundation.*

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