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BIUST IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT (GERMANY) TO HOST THE INAUGURAL BIUST MAX PLANCK AFRICAN ASTRONOMY SCHOOL (BMAAS)

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The Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) in collaboration with the Max Planck Gesellschaft (Germany) will be hosting the inaugural BIUST Max Planck African Astronomy School (BMAAS) from **26th of June to the 7th of July 2023**, covering a range of current topics in astrophysics and adopting a hands-on approach.

The objective of the event is to teach graduate and undergraduate students' specific aspects of astronomy, astrophysics and space science, with a focus on topical research, future opportunities and practical skills. Students and lecturers will present their own research and interact. There will also be sessions dedicated to outreach in the local community and visits to local schools.

Lecturers will come from institutions in Europe (Sweden, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany) and Africa (South Africa, Madagascar, Nigeria, Ethiopia). Students have been selected throughout Africa, with several from Egypt, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Namibia, Mozambique, South Africa and of course Botswana, among others.

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