

So far: SKA cost 1.1B, creates new science and engineering jobs

Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor said the bid for the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) - the world's largest radio telescope and one of the biggest scientific projects ever undertaken - to be situated in South Africa will cost R1.1 billion over nine years. But she also noted that the project will contribute towards job creation in the science, engineering and mathematics fields, according to an *allafrica.com* report.



According to the *allafrica.com* report, Pandor announced that the South African SKA Project Office currently employs South African science graduates. She said the intention was to recruit local graduates to implement the local content of the SKA project. The bid had already provided 800 construction job opportunities in the Northern Cape and a further 100 job opportunities would be created this year.

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