Space Technology for the Sustainable Development Goals

First Expert Meeting on Emerging Technologies and Pressing Issues relate to the 2030 Agenda



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Countries that have launched at least 1 satellite



Space in the United Nations System Space as a driver for sustainable development



- Emphasizes that space tools are highly relevant for the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
 Development and its goals/targets
- Promotes and supports the uses of space
 technologies to enhance worldwide access to
 data and broadband technologies
- Commits to strengthen international cooperation in the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space
- Aims to enhance capacity-building, education and training in space science and applications



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Seventy-sixth session Agenda item 30 Space as a driver of sustainable development

> Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 October 2021

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/76/L.3 and A/76/L.3/Add.1)]

76/3. The "Space2030" Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 73/6 of 26 October 2018,

Adopts the following document:

The "Space2030" Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development

Part A. Agenda

I. Introduction

1. The United Nations has been at the centre of international cooperation in space activities since the beginning of the space age. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space came into being as a result of the recognition by the General Assembly, in its resolution 1348 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, of the importance of using outer space for peaceful purposes and of the need to promote international cooperation in the conduct of space activities; in its resolution 1472 A (XIV) of 1959, the Assembly permanently established the Committee.

2. Owing to its unique mandate and position at the centre of international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, and the global governance of outer space activities,¹ consistent with international law, the Committee played a key role in the organization of the first three United Nations conferences on the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, held in 1968, 1982 and 1999.



Space in the Common Agenda Global Governance



The report looks ahead to the next 25 years and represents the Secretary-General's vision on the future of global cooperation and reinvigorating inclusive, networked, and effective multilateralism.



Outer Space is one of the **key proposals** under the 12 commitments LEAVE NO ONE PROTECT OUR multi-stakeholder dialogue on outer BFHIND PLANET space as part of a Summit of the Future seek high-level political agreement on

the peaceful, secure and sustainable use of outer space

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move towards a global regime to ••• coordinate space traffic and agree on principles for the future governance



Advancing Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 7: For All Humanity - The future of Outer Space Governance



Purpose

Governance proposal so we can equitably benefit from increases in access to and operations in outer space, for achieving of the SDGs, while addressing potential risks

Background

Major developments in outer space can be observed including in the growing number of objects in orbit, the level of commercial activity, and the intentions of public and private actors to resume deep space exploration. With technological advances and lowering costs, these trends will accelerate and pose both risks and opportunities, including in security, safety and sustainability.

Specific challenges include:

- Uncoordinated space traffic,
- Accumulating space debris,
- Questions arising from possible resource exploitation and
- Potential military confrontation

SPACE-BASED CHALLENGES





Space Technology x SDGs Question: How is space technology contributing to the SDGs?







Space Technology x SDGs Smart Cities





- Critical infrastructure monitoring, particularly with regards to energy networks
- Power grid synchronization
- Seismic surveying
- Identification of optimal sites for the production of renewable energy
- Solar and wind energy production forecasting to estimate the amount of energy that is needed from other sources

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Infrastructure mapping and

- **monitoring**, including maintenance of road infrastructure in rural environments, where the most reliable technology is satellite-based
- Construction surveying through machine automation
- Smart mobility, e.g. reduced fuel consumption by smarter planning and monitoring of driving behavior



Space Technology x SDGs Smart Cities





- Global economies and GDP growth, contributing to a range of sectors, particularly service delivery, utilities, banking and finance, agriculture and communications
- Establishing safe and secure working environments



Connectivity in remote and isolated areas

Reliable access to information







Evolution of the space economy 2016-2030

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Space Technology x SDGs Water Security





Water quality monitoring Meteorological forecasting

 Access to infrastructural support and technical know-how



Climate change monitoring

- Weather forecasting
- Disaster management
- Search and rescue operations





Space4Water Space Technology for Increased Access to Water



The Space4Water Project fosters collaboration and knowledge exchange to address the water challenge. It helps you tap into the full potential of space-based technology and data for any water related topic.





> 100 featured actors are actively using space-based technology and data to address water issues.

Stakeholder meetings allow the community to meet and exchange

- identifying shared objectives;
- addressing user needs;
- matchmaking gaps and solutions.



Promoting Knowledge Exchange and Community Building

By 2050 ~6 bio people will experience clean water scarcity. Climate change is mainly experienced by water-related extremes.



The vision is to **enable** all stakeholders and communities to **access data and knowledge** and realize their full potential to **achieve availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation**

for all.

Collaborative effort with the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (PSIPW)





UN Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) programme was created to **help communities**, particularly in developing countries, **fully take advantage of space-based**

technologies for disaster-risk management.

Overview

- **3** Types of advisory missions under UN-SPIDER:
 - Technical Advisory Mission (TAM)
 - Institutional Strengthening Mission (ISM)
 - Expert Missions (EM)

2020 Online Course on Geospatial Applications for Disaster Risk Management

- Developed by UN-SPIDER and Regional Centre for Asia and Pacific
- **20 sessions,** 18 speakers, 12 organizations
- 29,727 participants from 140+ countries
- 95% rated as Good or Outstanding

- **99** Number of missions UN-SPIDER has undertaken
- **55** Number of countries supported with missions
- **39** Number of Technical Advisory Missions
- ➡ satellite imagery support, Private Sector engagement, training provision to requesting countries
 - UN-SPIDER is generously supported by the Governments of **China**, **Germany**, **Austria**, **Turkey**, with in-kind support from **France**, **the RSOs**.







Access to Space for All Initiative





HYPERGRAVITY AND MICROGRAVITY

Building capacity for conducting experiments in orbit

SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT

Building capacity that enables the development, deployment, and operation of satellites

SPACE EXPLORATION

Broadening the engagement in space exploration

How?

SPACE AGENCIES





RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES







PRIVATE SECTOR









Access to Space for All Initiative



Who has been awarded?





Hypergravity/Microgravity Track





- Partners: ZARM (Center of Applied Space Technology and Microgravity) and DLR (German Aerospace Center)
- Established: 2014
- Aims to provide educational or research institutions with opportunities to conduct a series of microgravity experiments at the Bremen Drop Tower in Germany.
- The drop tower experiment series consists of <u>5 drops or catapult launches</u> to be conducted within one week. Each experiment series is accompanied by an on-site experiment integrations taking place one week prior to the campaign.
- 6 experiments have successfully been conducted with the programme.





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Hypergravity/Microgravity Track

HyperGES



- Partner: ESA (European Space Agency)
- Established: 2019





- Aims to provide educational or research institutions with opportunities to conduct a series of hypergravity experiments at the Large Diameter Centrifuge (LDC) facility at the European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) in the Netherlands.
- The LDC allows samples to be exposed to acceleration forces of 1-20 times Earth's gravity. The experiment series consists of 1-2 weeks for on-site experiment integration/preparation and actual experiment campaign.
- The first round awardee is a university in Thailand.





Satellite Development Track

Partner: JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)



KiboCUBE



- Established: 2015
 Aims to provide educational or research institutions from developing countries with opportunities to deploy CubeSats from the Japanese Kibo module of the International Space Station
 - 3 CubeSats have been deployed; the first satellite of Kenya: "1KUNS-PF" in 2018, Guatemala: "Quetzal-1" in 2020 and Mauritius: "MIR-SAT 1" in 2021.
- 5 CubeSats are under development from Indonesia, Moldova, the Central America Integration System (SICA), Mexico, and Tunisia.





Hypergravity/Microgravity Track



China Space Station

- Partner: CMSA (China Manned Space Agency)
- Established: 2018



- Aims to provide scientist from around the world with opportunities to conduct their own experiments on board the China Space Station (CSS) either inside or outside the CSS.
- 9 projects involving 23 institutions from 17 UN Member States has been selected for the first round. The research areas vary from life science, biotechnology, fluid physics, combustion, astronomy to space technologies.



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Thank you!

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