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Thirty-fourth session
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA*

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Coordination of future plans and programmes of common interest for cooperation and exchange of views on current activities in the practical application of space technology and related areas.
4. Contribution of space-based technology for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
5. Use of space-based technology for disaster risk reduction and emergency response.
6. Use of spatial data and activities related to the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group and the United Nations Spatial Data Infrastructure.
7. Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2014-2015.
8. Preparation of a special report on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation.
9. Means of strengthening the role of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities.
10. Other matters.

* As adopted by the 33rd session of the Inter-Agency Meeting in 2013.

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Participants will be invited to report on recent developments in space-related activities of their entities. Special consideration shall be given to activities that may be of interest to other United Nations entities participating in the Inter-Agency Meeting, such as opportunities for cooperation or needs for coordination. To the extent possible presentations or statements should be limited to a maximum of ten minutes.

4. **Contribution of space-based technology for climate change adaptation and mitigation**

Participants will be invited to share experiences on the use by their organizations of space-based technologies to address issues related to climate change adaptation and mitigation; and will be invited to discuss further actions by the Inter-Agency Meeting on this issue.

Work on the theme includes the Special report on the use of space technology within the United Nations system to address climate change issues (A/AC.105/991) prepared under the leadership of WMO in cooperation with the Office for Outer Space Affairs and with contributions of other United Nations entities, as well as a brochure on Space and Climate change.

5. **Use of space-based technology for disaster risk reduction and emergency response**

At the session, a representative of the Office for Outer Space Affairs will provide the Meeting with information on developments regarding the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER).

Participants will be invited to share experiences on the use by their organizations of space-based technologies for disaster risk reduction and emergency response activities and projects and will be invited to discuss further actions by the Inter-Agency Meeting on this issue.

6. **Use of spatial data and activities related to the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group and the United Nations Spatial Data Infrastructure**

The Meeting will be informed by representative of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG) on the latest activities of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group and developments in the implementation of the United Nations Spatial Data Infrastructure (UNSDI).

United Nations entities will be invited to present information and views on current and possible future activities within the United Nations system directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development.

† The annotations are not part of the agenda adopted by the Inter-Agency Meeting.

7. Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2014-2015

The objective of the Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system is to enhance space-related inter-agency cooperation and coordination among United Nations entities and to avoid the duplication of efforts in the use of space applications. The 33rd session of the Inter-Agency Meeting, held in Geneva in March 2013, agreed that the Report for the period 2014-2015 should address the post-2015 development agenda. The report had been drafted in the inter-sessional period and finalized electronically for submission to the fifty-seventh session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in June 2014. The report will be published in the Official Document System of the United Nations under the symbol number A/AC.105/1063.

8. Preparation of a special report on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation

The Inter-Agency Meeting decided at its 30th session that special reports on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation shall be prepared on a biennial basis. The special reports in 2009, 2011 and 2013, respectively, focused on themes: “Space benefits for Africa: contribution of the United Nations system” (A/AC.105/941); “Use of space technology within the United Nations system to address climate change issues” (A/AC.105/991); and “Space for agriculture development and food security” (A/AC.105/1042). Participants are invited to decide on the topic of a Special report to be finalised at the 35th session of the Meeting in 2015.

9. Means of strengthening the role of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities

Participants will be invited to discuss means of inter-agency cooperation in space related activities as well as ways to enhance the existing or establish new means of inter-agency cooperation, including in the context of the outcome of Rio+20 and Post-2015 Development Agenda.

In its resolution 68/75 of 11 December 2013 (A/RES/68/75), the General Assembly welcomed the increased efforts to strengthen further the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities, and recommended that the abbreviation “UN-Space” be used to refer to the Inter-Agency Meeting to increase its visibility and to further strengthen the role of that inter-agency mechanism, as agreed by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its 56th session in 2013.

Immediately after its present session, on Wednesday, 14 May 2014, the Inter-Agency Meeting will hold its eleventh open informal session entitled: “Engaging of Space Tools for Development on Earth – Contribution of Space Technology and Applications to the Post-2015 Development Agenda”.

10. Other matters

Participants will be invited to agree on the agenda, venue and schedule of the 35th session of UN-Space.