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INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES (UN-Space)

Thirty-fifth session
27-28 May 2015
UN Campus, Room 2712, Bonn, Germany

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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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. Use of spatial data and activities related to the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group and the United Nations Spatial Data Infrastructure.
5. Contribution of space-based technology for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
6. Use of space-based technology for disaster risk reduction and emergency response.
7. Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system.
8. Special report on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation.
9. Means of strengthening the role of UN-Space.
10. Open informal session (High-level Panel on 28 May).
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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. 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 Office for Outer Space Affairs on the latest activities of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group (UNGIWG) 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.

- 5. 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.

- 6. 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.

* The annotations are not part of the agenda adopted by the Inter-Agency Meeting. The Meeting may choose to focus discussion on selected agenda items of interest to participants.

7. 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). At its 34th session in May 2014, UN-Space agreed that the next special report should address the theme of space for global health, and be prepared in the intersessional period, for submission to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-eighth session in 2015. The report will be published in the Official Document System of the United Nations under the symbol number A/AC.105/1091.

8. Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system.

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. Participants are invited to agree on the focus of the upcoming report.

In line with the proposal by the past, present and incoming chairs of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space entitled “2018 ‘UNISPACE+50’ theme of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, the Legal Subcommittee and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space”, the report could look into how United Nations system entities interact with each other and other stakeholders in supporting global governance of space activities.

9. Means of strengthening the role of UN-Space.

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 upcoming adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and the planned *UNISPACE+50* event.

In its resolution 69/85 of 5 December 2014 (A/RES/69/85), General Assembly urged the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UN-Space), under the leadership of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, to continue to examine how space science and technology and their applications could contribute to implementing the Millennium Declaration and to the post-2015 development agenda process, and encourages entities of the United Nations system to participate, as appropriate, in UN-Space coordination efforts.

10. Open informal session (High-level Panel on 28 May).

Immediately after its present session, on Thursday, 28 May 2015, UN-Space will hold its twelfth open informal session. The event will take place in the form of a high level panel, entitled *Joint UN-Space - Bonn Conference High-Level Panel on Space-based information for development*’.

11. Future programme of work.

Participants will be invited to agree on the agenda, venue and schedule of the 36th session of UN-Space.