

Memorandum of Understanding signed between the United Arab Emirates Space Agency and the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office.

The United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA) and the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO) announce a new cooperation framework for future joint projects.

On the occasion of the Global Space Congress of 2019, organised in Abu Dhabi, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Space Agency of the United Arab Emirates and the Federal Science Policy Office of the Kingdom of Belgium, expressing the wish of both nations to work together in the fields of Space Science and Technology. Seven Belgian industrial and institutional representatives joined the Belgian delegation to showcase their expertise and solidify the cooperation between the two countries.

His Excellency Dr Mohammed Al Ahbabi, head of the UAE Space Agency explains:

"Space is all about cooperation, we do believe in space as a tool to inspire to educate and to help people to have a better life and a better future. We are happy to cooperate and to learn from your knowledge and technology and to work together for a better future for both Belgium and the UAE, and the global community as a whole. "

Mr Peter Claes, the Belgian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates who signed on behalf of BELSPO, added:

"This MoU is the result of an already existing and fruitful cooperation and we sincerely hope this MoU will form a solid basis for further cooperation between our respective countries, institutions and companies, to fulfil our joint ambition of further developing research and exploitation of space in a spirit of partnership."

The MoU opens the door to cooperation in the fields of: astrophysics, earth sciences, human spaceflight, satellites manufacturing, space law and many more. Belgian companies and institutes present include: Aerospacelab, AMOS, Incize, Space Applications Services, Spacebel, QinetiQ and VITO.

