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## PROGRAMME

### United Nations/United Arab Emirates High Level Forum

### “Space as a driver for socio-economic sustainable development”

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**Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

<b>Sunday, 20 November 2016</b>	
<b>Venue:</b> Grand Hyatt Dubai Hotel Conference Centre, <i>Sheikh Rashid Road, Oud Metha Road</i>	
08:00 – 17:30	<b>On-site registration</b>
<b>Opening Ceremony and High Level Panel</b>	
<i>Grand Hyatt Dubai Hotel Conference Centre: Al Aameera Ball Room</i>	
09:00	<b>Welcome and opening addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Message by the UN SG</li> <li>▪ Khalifa AL-ROMAITHI, <i>United Arab Emirates Space Agency</i></li> <li>▪ Simonetta DI PIPPO, <i>Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i></li> <li>▪ Yury FEDOTOV, <i>Director-General, United Nations Office at Vienna</i> (video message)</li> <li>▪ Michael SIMPSON, <i>Executive Director, Secure World Foundation</i></li> <li>▪ Mark SIRANGELO, <i>Sierra Nevada Corporation's Space Systems</i></li> </ul>
09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Setting the scene, <i>Simonetta DI PIPPO, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i></li> </ul>
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keynote presentation, <i>Scott KELLY, United States of America</i></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break (Press-conference: By invitation only)</i>
<b>High-Level Panel</b>	
<i>Organized with participation of top-level representatives of space agencies and other relevant national/regional/international institutions and organizations from both space-faring and non-space faring countries, establishing a direct debate with the HLF participants on the role of space science and technology in fostering global development.</i>	
<b>Panel 1: Global Challenges and Space Technology: Towards SPACE2030</b>	
<i>Moderator: Simonetta DI PIPPO, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
11:15	<b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jean-Yves LE GALL, <i>National Centre for Space Studies, France</i></li> <li>▪ Yanhua WU, <i>China National Space Administration, China</i></li> <li>▪ Gale ALLEN, <i>National Aeronautics and Space Administration, United States</i></li> <li>▪ Pascale EHRENFREUND, <i>German Aerospace Centre, Germany</i></li> <li>▪ Mohammed Nasser AL-AHBABI, <i>United Arab Emirates Space Agency, United Arab Emirates</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities, Russian Federation</i></li> </ul>

12:30 – 14:00	<i>Group Photo/Lunch Break</i>
<b>High-Level Panel (continues)</b>	
<b>Panel 1 (continues): Global Challenges and Space Technology: Towards SPACE2030</b>	
<i>Moderator: Simonetta DI PIPPO, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
14:00	<b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Francisco Javier MENDIETA-JIMENEZ, <i>Mexican Space Agency, Mexico</i></li> <li>▪ Carlo des DORIDES, <i>European GNSS Agency, Czech Republic</i></li> <li>▪ Roberto BATTISTON, <i>Italian Space Agency, Italy</i></li> <li>▪ Xinjun LI, <i>Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization</i></li> <li>▪ Avi BLASBERGER, <i>Israel Space Agency, Israel</i></li> <li>▪ Chris LEE, <i>United Kingdom Space Agency, United Kingdom</i></li> <li>▪ Marius-Ioan PISO, <i>Romanian Space Agency, Romania</i></li> </ul>
15:15 – 15:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Panel 2: Making a difference: Working Together Towards Sustainable Space</b>	
<i>Moderators: Niklas HEDMAN and Luc ST-PIERRE, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
15:35 – 17:30	<b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Won-soo KIM, <i>United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs</i></li> <li>▪ Francois RANCY, <i>International Telecommunication Union</i></li> <li>▪ Bertrand FROT, <i>United Nations Development Programme</i></li> <li>▪ Giovanni RUM, <i>Group on Earth Observation</i></li> <li>▪ Lennard FISK, <i>Committee on Space Research</i></li> <li>▪ Dominique TILMANS, <i>EURISY</i></li> <li>▪ Jean-Jacques TORTORA, <i>European Space Policy Institute</i></li> <li>▪ Soichi NOGUCHI, <i>Association of Space Explorers</i></li> <li>▪ Steve EISENHART, <i>Space Foundation</i></li> <li>▪ Giovanni Sylos LABINI, <i>European Association of Remote Sensing</i></li> </ul>
17:30	<b>Adjourn</b>
19:00	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> <i>(Presentation by Taner KODANAZ, Digital Globe)</i>
<b>Monday, 21 November 2016</b>	
<b>Women-in-Space Breakfast and Networking</b>	
<i>Open to all participants, this event designed to foster the interests of women working in space</i>	

*science and technology, and to advance women through initiatives and leadership development, as well as networking.*

*This event is sponsored by Women-in-Aerospace Europe (WIA-E)*

*Moderator: Christiane LECHTENBOERGER, German Aerospace Centre*

08:00 – 08:45	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Simonetta DI PIPPO, <i>United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i></li> <li>▪ Sumaya AL HAJERI, <i>United Arab Emirates Space Agency, United Arab Emirates</i></li> <li>▪ Mohamed Bin Rashid Space Centre, <i>United Arab Emirates</i></li> <li>▪ Gale ALLEN, <i>National Aeronautics and Space Administration, United States</i></li> <li>▪ Dominique TILMANS, <i>EURISY</i></li> </ul>
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**Breakout session 1 – Space Economy**

*“The full range of activities and use of resources that create and provide value and benefits to human beings in the course of exploring, understanding and utilizing space”. Economic growth is driven by technology innovation, and space is innovation by definition, because it is at the edge of what is possible for humanity to do and develop.*

*Moderator: Xinmin MA, China and André Joào RYPL, Brazil*

*Rapporteur: Markus WOLTRAN, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs*

09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ESA’s concept of “Space 4.0”, <i>Piero MESSINA, European Space Agency</i></li> </ul>
09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Field test and experiment in analogue environments: the case of the Ibn Battuta Centre, Morocco, <i>Gian Gabriele ORI, Morocco</i></li> </ul>
09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Measuring value; Defining benefit, <i>Michael SIMPSON, Secure World Foundation</i></li> </ul>
09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space medicine and space technology for socioeconomic dedication, <i>Chiaki MUKAI, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Japan</i></li> </ul>
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space activities in Morocco for socio-economic development, <i>Driss EL HADANI, Royal Centre For Remote Sensing, Morocco</i></li> </ul>
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contribution of China's space industry to the socio-economic development of international community, <i>Zhou WEI, China Great Wall Industry Corporation</i></li> </ul>
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Khaled AL-HASHEMI, United Arab Emirates Space Agency, United Arab Emirates</i></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:05	<i>Coffee Break</i>

**Breakout session 1 – Space Economy (continues)**

11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Claire JOLLY, OECD</i></li> </ul>
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11:20	▪ <i>Masood M. SHARIF, CEO, YAHSAT</i>
11:35 – 12:30	▪ <i>Discussions</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>Breakout session 2 – Space Society</b>	
<i>Refers to a society, which carries out its core functions while making the best use of space technologies and space-based services and applications.</i>	
<i>Moderator: Naser AL RASHEDI, United Arab Emirates and William WELSER, RAND Corporation</i>	
<i>Rapporteur: Romana KOFLER, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
13:30	▪ <i>Open Universe Initiative, Pablo GIOMMI, Italian Space Agency, Italy</i>
13:45	▪ <i>Steve EISENHART, Space Foundation</i>
14:00	▪ <i>Space sciences for the benefit of society, Pascal MICHEL, Canada</i>
14:15	▪ <i>Space assets and the sustainable development goals, Michael SIMPSON, Secure World Foundation</i>
14:30	▪ <i>Matar AL SUWAIDI, United Arab Emirates Space Agency, United Arab Emirates</i>
14:45	▪ <i>Evolution of decision support in public service: Application of CHEOS, Xing JIN, China National Space Administration, China</i>
15:00	▪ <i>Sheikha AL MASKARI, United Arab Emirates Space Agency, United Arab Emirates</i>
15:15 - 15:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Breakout session 2 – Space Society (continues)</b>	
15:35	▪ <i>Designing a Moon Village for all humanity, Angeliki KAPOGLOU, Greece</i>
15:50	▪ <i>Biofabrication in space: new opportunities for global health, Lorenzo MORONI, the Netherlands</i>
16:05	▪ <i>Shared vision, common action - stronger capacity building to support a sustainable society, Mino RATHNASABAPATHY, Space Generation Advisory Council</i>
16:20	▪ <i>Samer HALAWI, Thuraya, United Arab Emirates</i>
16:35 – 17:30	▪ <i>Discussions</i>
17:30	<b>Adjourn</b>
17:30 – 18:00	<i>(Informal meeting of the sessions moderators/rapporteurs to prepare conclusions and recommendations for the Forum's consideration).</i>
<b>Tuesday, 22 November 2016</b>	

<b>Breakout session 3 – Space Accessibility</b>	
<i>Refers to all user communities and decision-makers being able, on an equal basis, to benefit from and use space technologies and space-based data. “Data accessibility”, a subset, promotes principles, policies and practices that ensure that all countries can benefit and make equal use of space science and technology applications and space-based data, information and products.</i>	
<i>Moderator: Luciano SACCANI, Sierra Nevada Corporation’s Space Systems and Michael SIMPSON, Secure World Foundation</i>	
<i>Rapporteur: Sharafat GADIMOVA, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The contribution of European Earth Observation industries to the global challenges, <i>Giovanni Sylos LABINI, EARSC</i></li> </ul>
09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How the Dream Chaser can allow countries to quick start a domestic space program, <i>Luciano SACCANI, Sierra Nevada Corporation’s Space Systems</i></li> </ul>
09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Small satellite technology and space capability, <i>Christopher JOHNSON, Secure World Foundation</i></li> </ul>
09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GEO contribution to UNISPACE+50: data accessibility as a target for a joint UNOOSA/GEO initiative, <i>Giovanni RUM, Group on Earth Observations</i></li> </ul>
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Science in space: Space experiments for sustainable development, <i>Matthias SIMNACHER, Airbus DS</i></li> </ul>
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recent developments of China's space activities, <i>Hui JIANG, China</i></li> </ul>
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Taner KODANAZ, Digital Globe</i></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:05	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Breakout session 3 – Space Accessibility (continues)</b>	
11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed global partnership for data accessibility and CANEUS small satellite design and construction facilities to serve the needs of UN Member Nations, <i>Milind PIMPRIKAR, CANEUS</i></li> </ul>
11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Artiom ANISIMOV, EOS Data Analytics</i></li> </ul>
11:35 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Discussions</i></li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>Breakout session 4 – Space Diplomacy</b>	
<i>For the purpose of fostering socio-economic sustainable development, defined as cooperation among nations in using space technologies and applications to address common challenges facing humanity and to build constructive, knowledge-based partnerships.</i>	
<i>Moderator: Kenneth HODGKINS, United States of America and Jean-Jacques TORTORA, European Space Policy Institute</i>	

<i>Rapporteur: Niklas HEDMAN, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ International cooperation in promoting a global navigation satellite system of systems, <i>Sharafat GADIMOVA, ICG Executive Secretariat, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i></li> </ul>
13:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Existing global space governance and the way forward, <i>Ram JAKHU, Canada</i></li> </ul>
14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perspectives on sustainable space activities, <i>Christopher JOHNSON, Secure World Foundation</i></li> </ul>
14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COPUOS' thematic priority area of global partnership in space exploration and innovation, <i>Kenneth HODGKINS, United States</i></li> </ul>
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Designing space policies in emerging countries: main challenges, <i>Magda COCCO, VdA</i></li> </ul>
14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The goals, challenges and limitations of space diplomacy, <i>André Joào RYPL, Brazil</i></li> </ul>
15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Naser AL RASHEDI, United Arab Emirates</i></li> </ul>
15:15 - 15:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Breakout session 4 – Space Diplomacy (continues)</b>	
15:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space diplomacy in China: Policy and practice, <i>Xinmin MA, China</i></li> </ul>
15:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space diplomacy: Useful initiatives for taking international cooperation beyond the skies, <i>Rosa Maria RAMIREZ DE ARELLANO Y HARO, Mexico</i></li> </ul>
16:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Global space governance for sustainable development, <i>Olga STELMAKH, Canada</i></li> </ul>
16:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 0G SUMMIT®– Shuttle diplomacy in a new space age, <i>Namira SALIM, Space Trust</i></li> </ul>
16:35 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Discussions</i></li> </ul>
17:30	<b>Adjourn</b>
17:30 – 18:00	<i>(Informal meeting of the sessions moderators/rapporteurs to prepare conclusions and recommendations for the Forum's consideration).</i>
<b>Wednesday, 23 November 2016</b>	
<b>Roundtable Discussion Session:</b>	
<b>Partnership with industries, private sector and non-governmental organizations</b>	
<i>The primary purpose is to discuss possible future collaboration schemes and partnerships with the United Nations, to foster dialogue with the space industry, the private sector and non-governmental organizations in the framework of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and to promote scientific and technological development, capacity-building and a more sustainable space economy, in preparation for UNISPACE+50.</i>	

<i>Moderator: Simonetta DI PIPPO, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
09:00	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction Remarks, <i>Simonetta DI PIPPO, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i></li> <li>▪ Michael SIMPSON, <i>Secure World Foundation</i></li> <li>▪ Mark SIRANGELO, <i>Sierra Nevada Corporation's Space Systems</i></li> <li>▪ Giovanni Sylos LABINI, <i>European Association of Remote Sensing</i></li> <li>▪ Steve EISENHART, <i>Space Foundation</i></li> <li>▪ Magda COCCO, <i>VdA</i></li> <li>▪ William WELSER, <i>RAND Corporation</i></li> <li>▪ Samer HALAWI, <i>Thuraya</i></li> </ul>
10:30 - 10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>Space Activities: National Programmes and Case Studies</b>	
<i>Moderator: Angeliki KAPOGLOU, Greece</i>	
<i>Rapporteur: Minoo RATHNASABAPATHY, Space Generation Advisory Council</i>	
10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The importance of space activities for the socioeconomic development of Mexico, <i>Balan Alejandro GUTIÉRREZ HERRERA, Mexico</i></li> </ul>
11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space technology in Mongolia, <i>Oyuntsetseg BAASANJAV, Mongolia</i></li> </ul>
11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space technology and applications for wildlife management and protecting biodiversity, <i>Margaret MAIMBA, Kenya</i></li> </ul>
11:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Characterization of locations and durations of ionospheric scintillation over the equatorial region, <i>Joseph OUKO OLWENDO, Kenya</i></li> </ul>
11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Challenges and prospects for sustainable development in Africa, <i>Adamou BAMANGA, Cameroon</i></li> </ul>
12:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Space Research for Sustainable Development in Sudan, <i>Ms. Rayan IMAM, Sudan</i></li> </ul>
12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empowering women for space science education for socio-economic sustainable development, <i>Manisha DWA, Nepal</i></li> </ul>
12:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Life in space for life on earth, <i>Nandu GOSWAMI, Austria</i></li> </ul>
12:50 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00	<b>Technical Tour:</b> <i>An informative technical tour of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre will be organized for the Forum participants.</i>
18:00	<b>Adjourn</b>



<b>Thursday, 24 November 2016</b>	
<b>Roundtable Discussion Session:</b> <i>UNISPACE+50 – The way ahead</i>	
<i>The primary purpose is to address the future global space governance leading up to the fiftieth anniversary of the First United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space “UNISPACE+50” in 2018.</i>	
<i>Moderator: David KENDALL, Canada</i>	
<i>Rapporteur: Niklas HEDMAN, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i>	
09:00	<b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Michael SIMPSON, <i>Secure World Foundation;</i></li> <li>▪ Naser AL RASHEDI, <i>United Arab Emirates;</i></li> <li>▪ Luciano SACCANI, <i>Sierra Nevada Corporation’s Space Systems</i></li> <li>▪ Rosa Maria RAMIREZ DE ARELLANO Y HARO, <i>Mexico</i></li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:20 – 11:20	<b>Capacity Building and Information Dissemination</b>
<i>Moderator: Margaret MAIMBA, Kenya</i>	
<i>Rapporteur: Manisha DWA, Nepal</i>	
10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ARCSSTE-E Education programme: Best practices, challenges and future projections, <i>Mr. Ganiyu AGBAJE, ARCSSTE-E, Nigeria</i></li> </ul>
10:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The significance of social media to increase public awareness of the benefits of space, <i>Remco TIMMERMANS, Netherlands TBC</i></li> </ul>
10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TBC</li> </ul>
11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TBC</li> </ul>
11:20 – 12:00	<i>(Informal meetings of the breakout sessions to prepare results of their sessions, including the draft recommendations to be included in the Dubai Declaration)</i>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Plenary Closing Session and Concluding Remarks</b>
12:00 – 12:40	<b>Summaries of the breakout sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Breakout session 1: Space Economy</li> <li>▪ Breakout session 2: Space Society</li> <li>▪ Breakout session 3: Space Accessibility</li> <li>▪ Breakout session 4: Space Diplomacy</li> </ul>
12:40	<b>Summary of HLF: Dubai Declaration</b> <i>(with recommendations consolidated at the breakout sessions and conclusions)</i>

	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Simonetta DI PIPPO, <i>United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</i></li> <li>▪ Mohammed Nasser AL-AHBABI, <i>United Arab Emirates Space Agency, United Arab Emirates</i></li> </ul>
13:30	<b>Adjourn</b>