

Agenda Item 15: Space 2030 Agenda

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Thank you, Chair.

Recognizing the significance of space technology in addressing challenges such as climate change, polarization, and discrimination, the Republic of Korea reaffirms its commitment to the Space 2030 Agenda adopted in 2021.

Through a policy study, Korea is identifying specific areas and implementation plans where space technology can make a more substantial contribution. Building upon this process, Korea is working on integrating the Space 2030 Agenda and its implementation plan into domestic policies.

The Fourth Basic Plan for Promoting Space Development, released in December 2022, includes measures to utilize space for sustainable development. One of these measures involves expanding high-quality space education programs within the space sector. Korea aims to develop teaching materials and educational content to provide quality space education, enhancing the space knowledge and abilities of future generations.

Moreover, Korea is continuously promoting initiatives to empower women in the space sector, recognizing that gender equality and increased women's participation are critical for economic and social development.

As part of UNOOSA's Space4Women project, which aims to empower women in space, Korea hosted the Space4Women Expert Meeting on August 16-19, 2022.

Korea is pleased to report that last year's meeting confirmed the

shared commitment among participants to promote gender equality and diversity in space. In collaboration with UNOOSA, Korea has identified concrete actions to support this objective.

Starting this year, Korea will support a comprehensive study on women's participation in the global space workforce for a period of approximately three years. This study will assess the current state of participation of various actors in the space sector and contribute to their capacity building. My delegation will provide more detailed information on the results of this expert meeting during today's technical presentation.

Meanwhile, the Republic of Korea is also working towards enhancing access to space for developing countries and emerging space-faring nations. The Korea Aerospace Research Institute runs the International Space Training Program, KARIST, which offers one- to two-week courses consisting of expert lectures and site visits to build the capacity of the participants. By the end of last year, 336 participants from 36 countries had participated in KARIST.

The Republic of Korea hopes for the further development of the Space 2030 Agenda and the Implementation Plan to enable the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through space technology and applications. Additionally, Korea intends to actively participate in necessary international cooperation efforts.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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