

## *Italian engagement in capacity-building activities in Africa*



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# Capacity building in Africa: a priority for Italy



Capacity building in Africa as key to attain Africa's self-reliance  
In the long term, **capacity building allows to find indigenous solution to African issues**

**Thematic priority 7**  
Capacity-building for the twenty-first century







## 1964-1966

Foundation and completion of the **San Marco equatorial space facility** in Malindi (Kenya):

- 3 sea platforms
- a ground segment on the Kenyan coast

## 1967-1988

27 launches of satellites performed in collaboration with NASA.

## Today

Ground control activities and data receiving for international missions.

# Italian capacity-building activities for Kenyans



Deepening of the bilateral relations and growing of the awareness that it is a **source of mutual scientific, technical and economic benefits**

**Education and training are a priority of the cooperation**

ASI in charge of:

- providing **scholarships and fellowships for Kenyan nationals**
- **promote joint application** for international initiatives and funding programs
- **promote joint research projects**





## Collaboration between Sapienza University of Rome and University of Nairobi

### Joint research projects:

- **SBAM** (System Implementation and Capacity Building for Satellite-Based Agricultural Monitoring and Crop Statistics in Kenya project)
- **IKUNS** (Italian-Kenyan University Satellite project)

**2017**

### Joint International Post-Graduate Course in Space Mission Design and Management



# 1KUNS and the UN/Japan "KiboCUBE" Program



**2016**

University of Nairobi selected with a proposal for a “**1st Kenyan University Nano-Satellite (1KUNS)** Precursor Flight”, supported by ASI and Sapienza University of Rome

**19 January 2018**

1KUNS handed over to JAXA and ready to fly to the ISS and to be released from there into earth orbit





# 2<sup>nd</sup> International Space Forum (ISF) – African Chapter



## 2<sup>o</sup> International Space Forum at Ministerial Level AFRICAN CHAPTER

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*Space Science and Academia for  
sustainable development in Africa*





# 1<sup>st</sup> International Space Forum (ISF) - Trento, 2016



The 1<sup>st</sup> ISF was jointly organized by the Italian Space Agency (ASI) International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)



Climate Change

Big Data Management

Earth Protection





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**International Astronautical Federation (IAF)**  
**Kenya Space Agency (KSA)**



**Capacity Building**

**Environmental Sustainability**

**Space Partnerships**

## Topics and Keynote speakers

**Valanathan Munsami** (SANSA, African Union representative)

**Jan Woerner** (ESA Director General)

**Simonetta Di Pippo** (UNOOSA Director)





- Adoption of the **AFRICAN Page**, to be added to the Trento Space Statement adopted in 2016
- **Contribution to the UNISPACE+50, the UN Agenda 2030 and the Africa Union Agenda 2063**







The BSC in Malindi, thanks to its high-level technological capabilities and qualified human resources, can contribute to the goals of educating and training young African leaders

**Mission**  
*Prepare African students and trainees to become the **Space leaders of future Africa** and **promote regional, international and inter-continental cooperation**, for a peaceful and sustainable development of the African continent*







## Space Educational Ambition

- educating to interdisciplinary space knowledge
- strengthening national identity
- educating individuals and community to cooperation solutions, diversity, gender equity and peace projects

**Open to international support and cooperation to offer the best space capacity building portfolio**







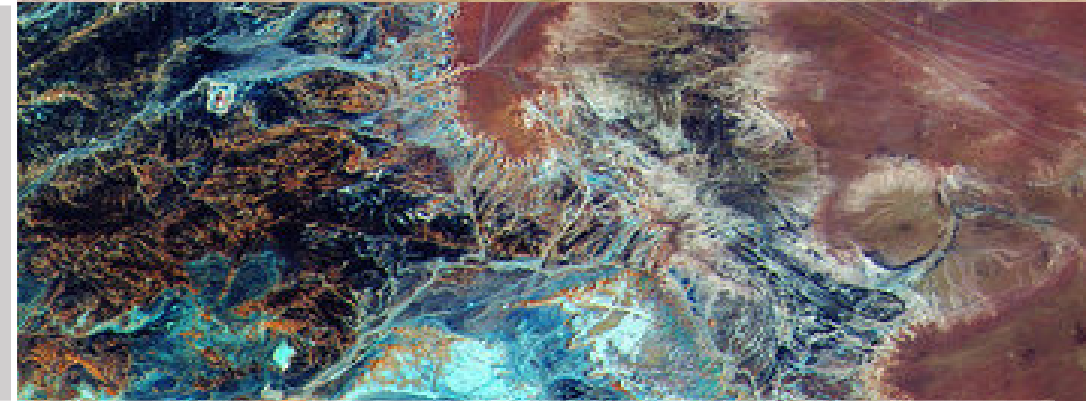
## Activities and programs

- Training courses
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Internships
- Research projects
- Spin-off activities



## Disciplines and areas of research

- Earth observation, including services and applications
- Space communications
- Satellite data acquisition, processing, archiving and dissemination
- Control and telemetry services
- Launching and control of satellites, sub-orbital platforms and stratospheric balloons



- Science research
- Navigation and positioning applications and services
- Healthcare and Telemedicine
- Space Policies and Institutions





Italian Capacity-building activities in Africa represent a **contribution to:**

- **UNISPACE+50**
- **UN Agenda 2030**
- **African Union Agenda 2063**





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