

United Nations Expert Meeting on Space for Women

Organized jointly by
the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and UN Women

4 – 6 October, 2017, New York, United States of America

Preliminary Programme (at-a-glance)

DAY 1: Wednesday, 04 October 2017
OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ UN Women (host)▪ United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs▪ Co-sponsors
KEYNOTE SPEECHES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ UN-Women▪ United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
<i>Coffee Break</i>
THEMATIC SESSION I: Let's make space work for the empowerment of women
<p><i>Target 5b of SDG 5 calls on the international community to “enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women” in order to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.</i></p> <p><i>This thematic session will focus on existing programmes and activities both internal and external to the United Nations and their potential with regard to the development and diffusion of applications of space technology for the empowerment of women, and gender mainstreaming in aerospace. Many different capacity-building initiatives have been implemented in the past and it is therefore important and invaluable for the Office for Outer Space Affairs to develop partnerships between existing the Office and the United Nations programmes, benefit from partners' expertise, and build projects at the intersect of the respective mandates.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technologies• Applications• Accessibility
<i>Lunch Break</i>
DISCUSSION SESSION I: Let's make space work for the empowerment of women
<i>Coffee Break</i>
Reporting: Proposals/Recommendations

DAY 2: Thursday, 05 October 2017
THEMATIC SESSION II: Let's make space in the aerospace industry and STEM fields for women
<i>A second important component of SDG 5 is the empowerment of women in the context of leadership and economic development. Notably, this includes the ability of girls and women to pursue their passions and careers in STEM and the space sector, including into leadership and decision-making positions.</i>
<i>This session will focus on the existing gaps and the issues that have to be overcome for the empowerment of women and gender mainstreaming in the aerospace industry and STEM fields.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills and education • Gaps and obstacles • Leadership
<i>Coffee Break</i>
DISCUSSION SESSION II: Let's make space in the aerospace industry and STEM fields for women
Reporting: Proposals/Recommendations
<i>Lunch Break</i>
THEMATIC SESSION III: Let's make the 'Space for Women' project together
<i>This session will focus on consolidating existing knowledge, creating partnerships and elaborating targeted capacity-building, as well as aligning capacity-building with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and addressing new thematic areas with the general goal of delivering outputs for a unique 'Space for Women' project.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing programmes • Partnership opportunities
<i>Coffee Break</i>
DISCUSSION SESSION III: Let's make the 'Space for Women' project together
Two Discussion Groups to exchange views on: Vision, Innovation for Space for Women, Programmatic Work, Learning and Networking, Outreach
Reporting: Proposal/Recommendations
<i>Adjourn</i>
DAY 3: Friday, 6 October 2017
HIGH-LEVEL PANEL - UN Secretariat Building
<i>Adjourn</i>