

**STATEMENT OF APSCO
AT THE UNISPACE+50 HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT
(BY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF APSCO- 20-21 JUNE 2018)**

Thank you, Madam Chairperson,

Firstly, I do like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of committee and extend full trust and confidence in your leadership for chairing this high-level segment.

Madam Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

It's such a pleasure to make a statement on behalf of Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization, at the esteem UNISPACE+50 High-Level Segment.

Madam Chair,

APSCO strives to provide a regional mechanism for co-operation through resource-sharing, critical capacity-building and jointly space-developing programs as we have a shared vision. Integration of resources mitigates costs and risks, and brings tangible benefits and outcomes for Member States. Our cooperative activities are enabling to the use of spatial data for the socio-economic development in the Asia-Pacific region, and contributing directly to the Sustainable Development Goals and SPACE2030.

APSCO believes in strengthening the global governance of outer space to engage all countries, especially the needs and requirements of developing countries. APSCO attaches great importance to its international cooperation, with UN-OOSA, UNESCAP, UNSPIDER, IAF, ESA and other international space-related organizations and institutions.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Since 2008, APSCO has completed a decade of successful cooperation. Its 10th Anniversary High-level Forum, with the theme of “**Community of Shared Future through Space Cooperation**”, will be held in Beijing, China during 14-16 November 2018. It is perfectly aligned with the UNISPACE+50 and SPACE2030 vision. My delegation is

pleased to extend very warm invitation to the Excellences and leaders present here, and we are glad to welcome you in Beijing, in November.

Madam Chair,

APSCO is contributing to critical capacity-building in its members through need-based short and intensive trainings, degree education. The trainees and graduates are all making valuable contributions in the Member States. APSCO Space Science Schools and Space Innovation Contests have encouraged new generation to explore space science and develop the idea of future universe.

The advantage of vast geographic displacement of APSCO Member States offers opportunities for connecting the “Ground Stations” at different places to maximize the efficiency of space activities. So far, 6 networks have been initially established among APSCO Member States. Our Data Sharing Service Platform provides Member States with free Earth-observation images for research and disaster management. A Global Earthquake Monitoring and Prediction Platform is under establishment by using the ground ionospheric monitoring conditions and Seismo-Electromagnetic Satellite. Based on three in-orbit remote sensing satellites, APSCO joint Small Multi-Mission Satellite Constellation is under design phase.

Madam Chair,

Space is not only a driver of sustainable development, but a growth multiplier, a vehicle of progress for social well-being. APSCO will continue to play its vital role in bringing socio-economic benefits of space to developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I thank you for your attention.