

Result of UN / ROK 'Space4Women' Expert Meeting in 2022

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What is 'Space4Women'?

The Project of UNOOSA to Promote Women's Empowerment in Space

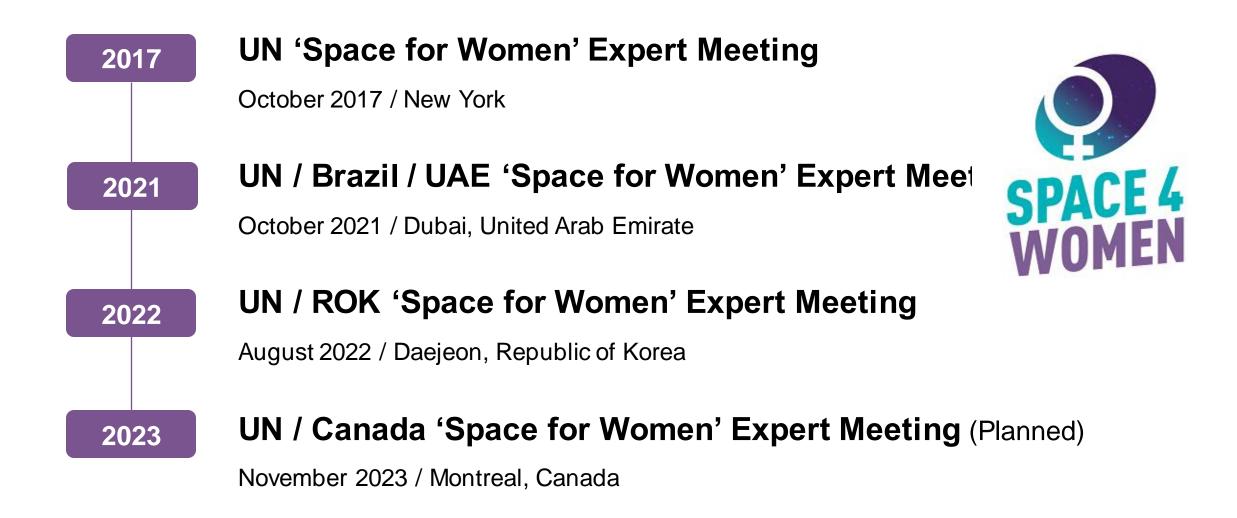
- · Encourages women and girls to pursue STEM education
- · Raises awareness about career opportunities and the importance of gender equality in the space sector
- · Aims to ensure that the benefits of space reach women and girls

https://space4women.unoosa.org/





'Space4Women' Expert Meeting





Co-hosted by United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea (MSIT)

Co-organized with Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)

Gathering of Experts from Around the World

74 participants, from 27 Member States

· 22 participants, from 18 countries were funded



Working Group Discussions

- **1** Train-the trainers
- 2 Women space entrepreneurs
- 3 Measuring the participation of women in the space workforce
- **4** Analysis and communication of gender empowerment activities





Plenary Events

Plenary Sessions

Networking & Poster Session

Open Conversation with **First Korean astronaut**

Side-Events

Mentoring Session with Local Students

· Attended by 40 Local High-School Students



Technical Visit to KARI & KARI

 \cdot KPLO Exhibition and National Science Museum





Additional Information and Report are Online



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What happened at the 2022 Space4Women Expert Meeting

After **3 exciting days** of presentations, discussions, and networking, the 2022 Space4Women Expert Meeting concluded on 19 August.

Over **70 experts** from **30 countries** gathered in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, to discuss topics related to "access and participation of women and girls in the space sector".

This year, the meeting was jointly organized by the **United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs** (UNOOSA), the **Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea** (MSIT), the **Korea Aerospace Research Institute** (KARI), and the **Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute** (KASI), with the support of the City of Daejeon.

Throughout the 3-day event, participants had the opportunity to engage in presentations, discussions and networking, whose aim was to promote **gender equality and women empowerment** in the space sector, in accordance with **SDG 4**, **Quality Education**, and **SDG 5**, **Gender Equality**.

Experts and advocates shared their experiences and insights on the status quo and efforts to advance gender equality in the space sector. Participants were divided into 4 working groups according to the topic of discussion: 1) **Train-the-trainers**; 2) **Women space entrepreneurs**; 3) **Measuring the participation of women in the space workforce**; 4) **Analysis and impact of gender empowerment activities**. The discussion of the topic was then structured in 3 sessions. The first session aimed at understanding the **status quo** of the topic; the second session focused on analysing the **gaps and challenges**; and the third session focused on **actions** to fill in the gaps. By the end of the event, participants identified a series of **recommendations** to ensure that women and girls have an **equal and active role** in the space sector.

You can Download:

- Agenda of the Event
- Presentation Files

Workshop Report A/AC.105/1273

https://space4women.unoosa.org/news/what-happened-2022-space4women-expert-meeting

Quotes from Participants

This event was a life-changing experience for me, both professionally and personally! I would love to come back and help bring more people to it.

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I loved meeting all these brave and brilliant women and great advocates for change, and working and exchanging on such important topics during the working sessions. This event gave me confidence, in the actions, I do every day for gender equality in space and also in my place within the space sector. Let's continue working on these crucial themes together!

It was incredible to meet everyone from all over the world and learn about the work they do and what they hope to accomplish. They were all so inspiring!

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What Was the Impact of hosting a Space4Women Expert Meeting?

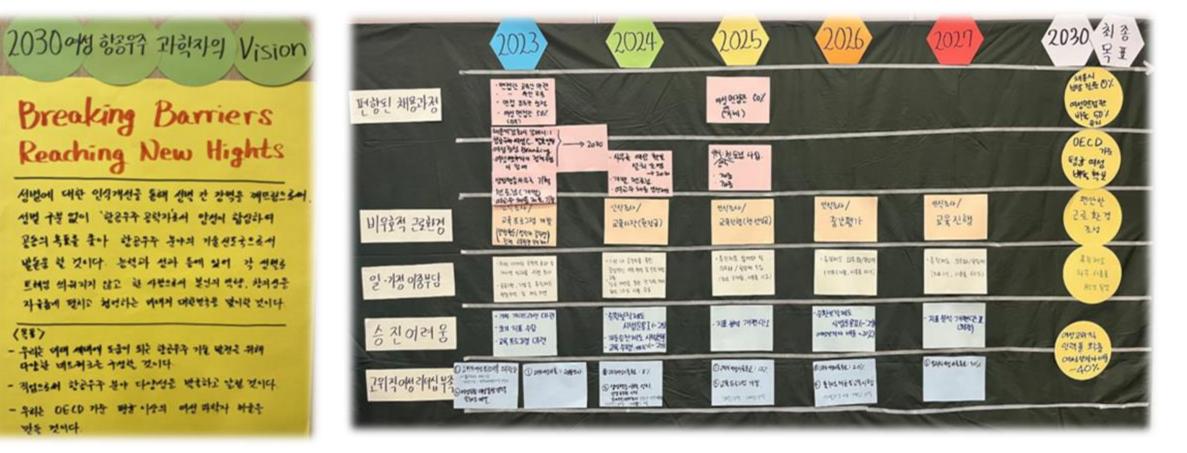


Strengthening of Local Network and Solidarity

'Women in Aerospace' 2030 Vision & Roadmap for Korea

Drafted at a follow-up workshop organized by KARI

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Government Attention and Policy Influence



4th National Space Development Promotion Plan December, 2022

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Initiate a workforce development program Specifically targeted at promoting women's participation in the space sector at the national and international level

Further Contributions to Space4Women by Korea

Report of the Expert Meeting 2022

"The preparation of **a comprehensive** study on women's participation in the space workforce at global level was thus suggested as an important step forward. It was recommended that the **Office for Outer Space Affairs leads** such an effort, with the support of Member States in reporting their metrics on women's participation in the sector."



A Global Study on Women's Participation in the Space Sector (2023 - 2026)

To be implemented in 3 phases



Thank you for your attention





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