

Virtual Briefing

for Member States of the United Nations
and organizations with permanent observer status with the
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Tuesday, 19 March 2024, starting at 14:00

COPUOS Secretariat

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Meeting Schedule for 2024

Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, 61st session –
29 January–9 February 2024

Legal Subcommittee, 63rd session –
15-26 April 2024

Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, 67th session –
19-28 June 2024

General Assembly, 79th session, Fourth Committee
(Special Political and Decolonization Committee), consideration of
item on “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer
space” - 29-30 October, 1 November 2024. (C.1/C.4 - 30 Oct p.m.)



Bureau	Holding States Group		
	2022-2023	2024-2025	2026-2027
COPUOS Chair	Omran Sharaf (UAE)	Sherif Mohamed Sedky (Egypt) Rafiq Akram (Morocco)	WEOG
1st Vice-Chair	Jenny Tapio (Finland) Carolina Rêgo Costa (Portugal)	GRULAC	EEG
2nd Vice-Chair / Rapporteur	Oleg Ventskovsky (Ukraine)	Hasan Abbas (Pakistan) Hesa Al-Khalifa (Bahrain)	African States
STSC Chair	Juan Francisco Facetti (Paraguay)	Ulpia-Elena Botezatu (Romania)	Asian-Pacific States
LSC Chair	Nomfuneko Majaja (South Africa)	Santiago Ripol Carulla (Spain)	GRULAC



LSC: Schedule of Meetings

10:00 - 13:00	LSC Plenary [Webcast]
	Formal meetings of Working Groups, if scheduled
	Technical Presentations, if scheduled [Webcast]
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 - 18:00	LSC Plenary [Webcast]
	Formal meetings of Working Groups, if scheduled
	Technical Presentations, if scheduled [Webcast]



Summary of Organizational Arrangements

- In-person format. M-Plenary.
- Interpretation into 6 UN languages (10:00-13:00 and 15:00-18:00): LSC plenary meetings, formal meetings of WGs, technical presentations, International Conference
- Webcast: Open plenary meetings and technical presentations.
- Working Group Informals (No interpretation)
- Informal consultations (No interpretation)
- International Conference on Space Resources: 15 April. 2024, 15:00-18:00 (Webcast)



Accreditations

- Full composition of delegation (with email addresses and in Word format, in addition to the scanned document), accredited to participate in the session to be sent to unoosa-submissions@un.org by 27 March 2024.

CRP in paper copies

- States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations are requested to indicate in their accreditation submission if they wish to receive conference room papers in hard copy, to be placed in their respective pigeonholes.



Statements

- Plenary statements to be limited to five minutes.
- Statements for interpretation should be provided 2 working days before delivery.
 - File names to follow the format: Agendaltem_CountryName (e.g. 3_ Argentina.doc).
 - Top of statement mention: Country name and Agenda Item (e.g. Argentina, Item 3)
- Upon submitting statements for interpretation purposes, delegations are to inform the secretariat as to whether the statement may be uploaded to the website.
- Delivery of pre-recorded statements is possible. Technical Requirements for pre-recorded statements - on session website.



List of speakers

- Inscriptions to the list of speakers per agenda item - by 27 March 2024
- With the exception of the item on GEV, all agenda items are to be considered in sequential order.
- As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item will be taken up, time permitting.
- Representatives of member States are to be given the opportunity to speak first under an agenda item, and only afterwards should the floor be given to representatives of observer organizations.
- Online list of speakers will be available.



Technical presentations

- Information on the wish of delegations to deliver technical presentation (including the title of the presentation, the name and details of the presenter and agenda item under which that presentation is to be delivered) – by 27 March 2024 to unoosa-submissions@un.org
- The delivery of pre-recorded presentations is possible, and such recordings should meet the Audio-Video Requirements for pre-recorded presentations.
- Duration: max. 10 minutes per presentation.
- Important: script for interpretation is to be provided.



Working Group Informals

- WG informals to be held according to the needs of the respective Working Groups. Schedule on session webpage.
- No interpretation provided.

Informal consultations on Lunar Mechanism

- Romania to submit its proposal for the establishment of an action team to study a potential consultative COPUOS mechanism for lunar activities. Schedule will be available on session webpage.

Side meetings and side events

- Side meetings and side events may take place in a format chosen by organizers (in-person/ online/ hybrid).
- In-person events are subject to room availability.



Liquidity crisis

- Lack of human resources .
- Longer processing timelines for parliamentary documents.
- Earlier submission of in-session documents.
- Pre-session documentation in electronic format.
- No sound check for pre-recorded statements.
- No technical support is available to support the meetings beyond 6 p.m..



Adoption of the report

- Subcommittee report: Thursday pm + Friday, second week.
- Working Group reports: Wednesday pm + Thursday, 2nd week.
- Delegations may provide language-related comments on language versions of the reports within one week after the session at **unoosa-submissions@un.org**.

List of participants

- List of participants to be finalized within the week after the session (corrections by delegations reflecting full attendance to be submitted to Secretariat at **unoosa-submissions@un.org**).



Attendance by States not members of COPUOS

Member States of the United Nations not members of the Committee wishing to attend the session as observers should, in accordance with A/AC.105/1224, paragraph 228 and Annex I, paragraph 9, submit to UNOOSA a note verbale with that request, **indicating the composition of the delegation, one week prior to the opening of the session** ([Monday, 8 April 2024](#)).

THANK YOU



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