



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

# United Nations/Jordan Workshop: Global Partnership in Space Exploration and Innovation

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**Amman, Jordan**



Names are listed in alphabetical order

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## DAY 1 – Monday, 25 March 2019

### Arrival and Registration

9:00-9:30 Arrival from the hotels at the Regional Centre and registration of participants

### Opening Ceremony

9:30-11:00 To include, inter alia, welcome speeches, a group photo and the opening of the exhibition.

#### Speakers

- **Awni M. Khasawneh (Welcome Speech)**, Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) & Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)
- **Simonetta Di Pippo**, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
- **Mohammed Al Ahbabi**, United Arab Emirates Space Agency
- **Hamid Al-Naimiy**, Sharjah University & Arab Union for Astronomy and Space Sciences
- **Ewine F. van Dishoeck**, International Astronomical Union (IAU)
- **Piero Benvenuti**, Italian Space Agency (ASI)
- **Amer Nadeem**, Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO)

#### Chief Guest

- **Omar Razzaz - Prime Minister of Jordan**

11:00-11:30

*Coffee Break*

### THEMATIC SESSION 1 - Current space exploration and innovation programs

11:30-13:00

#### Chair

- **Simonetta Di Pippo**, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

#### Co-Chair

- **Awni Khasawneh**, Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) & Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)

#### Rapporteur

- **Burcu Akata Kurc**, Middle East Technical University

#### Speakers

- **Salem Al Marri**, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre
- **Ibrahim Baddawi**, Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)
- **Quanlin FAN**, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- **Donato Giorgi**, French National Centre for Space Studies (CNES)
- **Jun GOMI**, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- **Rodrigo Leonardi**, Brazilian Space Agency
- **Raffaele Mugnuolo**, Italian Space Agency (ASI)
- **Montaser Sallam**, Innovative Solution In Space (ISIS)
- **Tatiana Tishchenko**, State Space Corporation "Roscosmos"
- **Thomas Weissenberg**, European Space Agency (ESA)

13:00-14:00

*Lunch Break*

### Poster Session

14:00-15:30

#### Chair

- **Nivin Hassan**, Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC)

#### Co-Chair

- **Tanya Keusen**, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

	<p><b>Poster Presenters</b> (name, affiliation and poster topic):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ahmed Abdelkarim</b>, University of Khartoum (University of Khartoum Space Research Centre: Vision, missions and goals)</li> <li>• <b>Burcu Akata Kurc</b>, Middle East Technical University (From natural resources to synthetic nanomaterials: Can we use this technology for sustainable settlements?)</li> <li>• <b>Ashraf Al-Bahlawan</b>, Mullard Space Science Laboratory (The Euclid visible instrument: An international engineering collaboration)</li> <li>• <b>Sheika Alkaabi</b>, UAE University (Studying the Mars Atmosphere through the Emirate Mars Mission)</li> <li>• <b>Rokhsana Ismail</b>, Aden University (New perspective for education and training using remote sensing and geographic information system at Aden University)</li> <li>• <b>Kavya Kamepalli</b>, International Institute of Aerospace Engineering and Management (IIAEM), Jain University (Space technologies and SDG4)</li> <li>• <b>Syed Muhammad Miqdad Medhi</b>, Xi'an Jiaotong University (Pakistan Space Programme and international cooperation)</li> <li>• <b>Simone Pirrotta</b>, Italian Space Agency (Italian nanosatellites for exploration in international cooperation)</li> <li>• <b>Hannah Rana</b>, Space Generation Advisory Council &amp; University of Oxford (Design considerations of planetary landers for lunar exploration missions)</li> <li>• <b>Camilo Andres Reyes Mantilla</b>, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (How two Latin American institutions Came Together to Start the First Regional Program for Lunar Exploration- Case Study of Colombia and Ecuador)</li> <li>• <b>Ruvimbo Samanga</b>, Space Generation Advisory Council (Space commercialization)</li> <li>• <b>Fabio Santoni</b>, DIAEE-Sapienza University of Rome (A joint academic program for capacity building)</li> </ul> <p>Note: Presentations on posters will be limited to a five minute stand up per person. Participants are then encouraged to engage in related informal exchanges during the breaks.</p>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>THEMATIC SESSION 2 - <i>Current space exploration and innovation cooperation mechanisms and potential future ones</i></b>	
16:00-17:15	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hamid Al-Naimiy</b>, Sharjah University &amp; Arab Union for Astronomy and Space Sciences</li> </ul> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sa'ed Dababneh</b>, Jordanian Al-Balqa University</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hannah Rana</b>, Space Generation Advisory Council &amp; University of Oxford</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ganiy I. Agbaje</b>, African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in English (ARCSSTE-E)</li> <li>• <b>Naser Bin Hammad</b>, United Arab Emirates Space Agency</li> <li>• <b>Jun GOMI</b>, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)</li> <li>• <b>Hui JIANG</b>, China National Space Agency (CNSA)</li> <li>• <b>Irmgard Marboe</b>, University of Vienna</li> <li>• <b>Thomas Weissenberg</b>, European Space Agency (ESA)</li> </ul>
17:30	Departure from the Regional Centre back to the hotels

**DAY 2 - Tuesday 26 March, 2019**

9:50	Arrival at the Regional Centre from the hotels
<b>Space for Women Event</b>	
10:00-11:30	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mary Kawar</b>, Minister of Planning &amp; International Cooperation, Jordan</li></ul> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hanan Malkawi</b>, Yarmouk University</li></ul> <p><b>Rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ian Freeman</b>, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</li></ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sheika Alkaabi</b>, United Arab Emirates University</li><li>• <b>Cassie Conley</b>, Astrobiologist and former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Planetary Protection Officer</li><li>• <b>Simonetta Di Pippo</b>, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs &amp; International Gender Champion</li><li>• <b>Ewine F. van Dishoeck</b>, International Astronomical Union (IAU)</li><li>• <b>Ghina M Halabi</b>, Cambridge University</li><li>• <b>Hannah Rana</b>, Space Generation Advisory Council &amp; University of Oxford</li><li>• <b>Jingnong WENG</b>, Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (RCSSTEAP) &amp; Beihang University</li></ul>
11:30-12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>THEMATIC SESSION 3 - <i>Developing open and inclusive global space exploration partnerships</i></b>	
12:00-13:30	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Piero Benvenuti</b>, Italian Space Agency</li></ul> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Naser Bin Hammad</b>, United Arab Emirates Space Agency</li></ul> <p><b>Rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Eqab Rabee</b>, Jordanian Al al-Bayt University</li></ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Teresa Castillo Olascoaga</b>, Mexican Space Agency</li><li>• <b>Ian Christensen</b>, Secure World Foundation</li><li>• <b>Pete Worden</b> or <b>Jamie Drew</b>, Breakthrough Initiatives</li><li>• <b>Anas Emran</b>, African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in French (ARCSSTE-F)</li><li>• <b>Jonathan Friend</b>, Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd Commercial Lunar Missions Support Services (CLMSS)</li><li>• <b>Hamza Hameed</b>, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)</li><li>• <b>Simone Sasse</b>, AirBus</li><li>• <b>Jingnong WENG</b>, Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (RCSSTEAP) &amp; Beihang University</li></ul>
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>THEMATIC SESSION 4 – <i>Planetary Protection</i></b>	
14:30-15:15	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Najib Abou Karaki</b>, Jordanian University Al-Hussein bin Talal</li></ul>



	<p><b>Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mashhoor Al-Wardat</b>, Arab Union for Astronomy and Space Sciences</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hanna Sabat</b>, Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nabil Ayoub &amp; Wajdy J. Al-Awaida</b>, American University of Madaba</li> <li>• <b>Cassie Conley</b>, Astrobiologist and former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Planetary Protection Officer</li> <li>• <b>Niklas Hedman</b>, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs &amp; Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)</li> <li>• <b>Georgios Profitiliotis</b>, University of Athens</li> </ul>
<b>THEME 5 – <i>Space and Astrophysics</i></b>	
15:15-16:30	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mohammad Ibbini</b>, Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST)</li> </ul> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baha Khasawneh</b>, Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ala'a Alazzam</b>, Jordanian University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saed Dababneh</b>, Al-Balqa Applied University</li> <li>• <b>Mashhoor Ahmad Al-Wardat</b>, Al Al-Bayt University</li> <li>• <b>Makram Ibrahim</b>, National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics</li> <li>• <b>Ammar Sakaji</b>, Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)</li> <li>• <b>Mohammad A. Salem et al</b>, Al Al-Bayt University</li> <li>• <b>M. Talafha &amp; N. Suleiman</b>, Eötvös Loránd University</li> <li>• <b>Ahmad Abu Shattal</b>, Jordanian University Al-Hussein bin Talal</li> </ul>
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>THEME 6 – <i>Terrestrial Analogues</i></b>	
17:00-17:45	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moneeb Aleid</b>, American University Of Beirut</li> </ul> <p><b>Co-Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Atef Ali</b>, Inter Islamic Network on Space Sciences and Technology (ISNET)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marwan Al-Mosa</b>, Jordanian Mutah University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gian-Gabriele Ori</b>, Ibn Battuta Centre</li> <li>• <b>Enrico Flamini</b>, Italian Space Agency (ASI)</li> <li>• <b>Abdelqader Abed</b> or <b>Mamoun Nawafleh</b>, Jordanian University</li> </ul>
17:50	Departure from the Regional Centre back to the hotels

**DAY 3 - Wednesday 27 March, 2019**

**Full Day Trip to Wadi Rum**

(Precise timing and details of the field trip remain TBC)

Note: A planetary geologist will explain Wadi Rum as a terrestrial analogue to Mars (Abdelqader Abed or Mamoun Nawafleh, Jordanian University)

<b>8:00</b>	Pick up at hotels and depart Amman
<b>12:00- 12:30</b>	Arrival at Wadi Rum
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Lunch
<b>13:30-14:15</b>	Visiting Rum Sky Adventure Campground
<b>14:15-16:00</b>	Desert Jeep Tour (6 participants per Jeep)
<b>16:00</b>	Departure from Wadi Rum
<b>20:00</b>	Arrival back in Amman and drop off at hotels



**DAY 4 - Thursday 28 March, 2019**

**OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE – AGREEMENT ON OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

9:50	Arrival at the Regional Centre from the hotels
10:00-11:00	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Niklas Hedman</b>, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</li></ul> <p><b>Co-Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nivin Hasan</b>, Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre</li><li>• <b>Ibrahim Baddawi</b>, Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)</li></ul>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	
11:30-12:00	<p><b>Announcement of United Nations/China Workshop: Global Partnership in Space Exploration and Innovation</b> (Remains TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hui JIANG</b>, China National Space Administration (CNSA)</li></ul> <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Simonetta Di Pippo</b>, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs</li><li>• <b>Awni M. Khasawneh</b>, Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC) &amp; Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (RCSSTE-WA)</li></ul>
12:10	<p>Departure from the Regional Centre to the hotels or directly to the airport.</p> <p>Note: The workshop will close at 12:00 promptly, as some participants will need to travel home later that day.</p>

