



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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

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**DAY 1 – Monday, 25 March 2019**

Arrival and Registration

Welcome Remarks, Opening Addresses

Keynote Speech

**THEMATIC SESSION 1 - *Current space exploration and innovation programs of States/space agencies***

*Lunch Break*

**THEMEATIC SESSION 2 - *Current space exploration and innovation cooperation mechanisms and potential future ones***

Poster Session

Tour of the Regional Centre

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, 26 March 2019**

Space for Women Event

**THEMATIC SESSION 3 - *Developing open and inclusive global space exploration partnerships***

*Lunch Break*

**THEMATIC SESSION 4 – *Planetary Protection***

**THEMATIC SESSION 5 – *Terrestrial Analogues***

**DAY 3 – Wednesday, 27 March 2019**

**FULL DAY TRIP TO WADI RUM**

Note to participants: This side trip is organized by the Local Organizing Committee. Please contact the Jordanian Focal Points for further information.

**DAY 4 – Thursday, 28 March 2019**

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

**CLOSING CEREMONY**