



**UNOOSA** promotes international cooperation in the peaceful uses of space science and technology for sustainable economic and social development; assists Member States in establishing legal and regulatory frameworks to govern space activities; contributes to the implementation of the recommendations of major United Nations global conferences; and strengthens the capacity of developing countries to use space science technology and applications.

Addressing challenges to humanity and sustainable development, protecting the space environment and securing the long-term sustainability of outer space activities all require further attention, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development argues for stronger space governance and supporting structures at all levels. **UNISPACE+50** is an initiative that considers the current status and charts the future role of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its subsidiary bodies and the Office for Outer Space Affairs as well as considers ways and means for strengthening their role within the United Nations system and the global space community at a time when the space agenda is becoming increasingly complex.

The UN General Assembly in its resolution 70/82 of 9 December 2015 encourages UNOOSA to take active part in conferences, summits and processes, and other activities in support of the objectives of UNISPACE+50. The GA also encourages UNOOSA to conduct capacity-building and outreach activities on transparency and confidence-building measures (TCBMs) within the context of the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.

*The initiative seeks to provide flexible, coordinated and predictable funding to support the actions of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). The **Multi-Donor Strategic Support to UNISPACE+50** will allow UNOOSA to prepare, structure, and implement activities in the promotion of space-based applications and technologies for innovative and timely actions.*

***“Space is a driver for socio-economic sustainable development and the High Level Forum must drive the debate so that UNISPACE+50 becomes the major milestone the global community needs for the next 15 years.”***

*(Simonetta Di Pippo, Director of UNOOSA)*

The High Level Forum (HLF) is a three-year series (2016 - 2018) of fora aimed at driving a debate on the role of space science and technology in fostering global development, while at the same time providing a framework for cooperation development. The Forum, therefore, represents a unique opportunity for the collective space community to provide guidance and recommendations. This will also be an opportunity: (i) to establish contact with Government, non-governmental and intergovernmental organization officials responsible for space technology development and applications around the world; and (ii) to build a community to implement projects and initiatives with a particular focus on the space sector for the economy, society and diplomacy of a nation.

Current funding structure and budgets of UNOOSA need strengthening to fully implement UNISPACE+50 and realise the goals of HLF. The **Multi-Donor Strategic Support** is a fund giving an opportunity to space actors to contribute to UNISPACE+50.



The broad agenda leading to UNISPACE+50 needs to be supported financially to allow UNOOSA to foster collaboration and develop partnerships. In particular, UNOOSA must ensure its participation in global and regional platforms where plans of action are drawn. It can, *inter alia*:

*The **Multi-Donor Strategic Support to UNISPACE+50** is a fund that allows UNOOSA to prepare, develop, communicate and implement the thematic priorities of UNISPACE+50.*

*It provides flexibility and responsiveness for UNOOSA to:*

- ⇒ *produce position paper on space applications for global health, disaster risk reduction, adaptation to climate change and for sustainable development;*
- ⇒ *develop project proposals on integrated Earth observation, GNSS and satellite telecommunication applications;*
- ⇒ *produce forward-looking and innovative reports and analysis;*
- ⇒ *develop and share innovative and targeted outreach material;*
- ⇒ *commission expert advices on emerging issues;*
- ⇒ *be present and pro-active on key national, regional and global platforms; and*
- ⇒ *support Member States in the execution of HLF and in reaching the goals of UNISPACE+50.*

- Develop and implement commitments with nations under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and promote space tools and applications for measuring and monitoring indicators for disaster risk reduction;
- Contribute to the attainment and progress monitoring of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals;
- Promote the socio-economic benefits of space tools and applications for measuring and monitoring indicators for adaptation to climate change;
- Strengthen inter-agency coordination under UN-Space to develop joint activities and programmes with sister UN agencies in headquarters and regional offices in Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and in Africa; and
- Develop innovative and integrated long-term project proposal for funding.

**How to support?** Contributing to a flexible fund with a simple arrangement and light reporting format can take different forms, namely:

- ◇ Contributors can benefit from different levels of return at the HLF events: become a **co-sponsor** of the HLF series (from 100,000USD contribution); a **partner** (one HLF and from 50,000USD contribution), or be **acknowledged and present** at HLF or distribute information materials (from 25,000USD contribution).
- ◇ Contribute fully or partially to the development and implementation of projects and activities of UNOOSA towards the goals of UNISPACE+50 and to the finalization of its thematic priorities, for the benefit of Member States. Funds can be allocated to strengthen human resources, access consultancy services, support the participation in key platforms, and prepare assessments, expert reports and other publications.

The administration of the Multi-Donor Strategic Support to UNISPACE+50 will be under the coordination of the Director of UNOOSA and the funds will be administrated following the United Nations rules and regulations. Funds will be allocated by the Director following the priorities of work in reaching the goals of UNISPACE+50 and of the agenda developed under HLF and be the subject of a collective donor report. For more information, please write to [oosa@unoosa.org](mailto:oosa@unoosa.org) or phone +43(1) 26060-4951 referring to “**Multi-Donor Strategic Support**”.