

3<sup>rd</sup> African Leadership  
Conference on Space Science  
and Technology for Sustainable  
Development

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# Background of the ALC

- During the COPUOS session in 2004, Algeria, Nigeria and South Africa agreed to organise the ALC as a forum to enhance high-level cooperation among African countries in space affairs.
- The aim is to sensitise African leaders on the importance of space science & technology for the durable socio-economic development of Africa.
- Organised every 2 years:
  - First Conference held in Abuja, 23-25 Nov 2005
  - Second ALC held in Pretoria 2-4 October 2007
- **Third ALC to be held in Algiers 30 Nov – 2 Dec 2009**

# Objectives

- To provide a forum for exchange of ideas on the impact which space technology could have in addressing Africa's development challenges and in contributing to its development agenda;
- To identify opportunities for cooperation in the utilisation of space technology for the development and benefit of Africa;
- To identify common capacity-building requirements and the cooperative means to address such needs;
- To promote cooperation with inter-governmental and international non-governmental entities, such as OOSA, IAF, IAA, etc;
- To identify a series of concrete follow-up actions and projects to be conducted during the inter-sessional periods of the Conference.

# Programme 1/2

## Five Plenary Sessions

1. The role of space science and technology in Africa's development;
2. Intergovernmental and non-governmental entities active in the African space arena;
3. Regional space conferences;
4. The African Resources Management Constellation (ARMC) Project;
5. Summary, observations and recommendations.

# Programme 2/2

## Six Parallel Sessions

1. Cooperation in space-based disaster management support in Africa;
2. Capacity building in space applications and space management;
3. Earth observation for monitoring global climate change, water resources management and desertification in Africa;
4. Survey of national space activities in African countries;
5. African Resources Management Constellation (ARMC) Project;
6. Development of regional and inter-regional cooperation for the benefit of Africa.

-The Steering Committee of the ALC will also discuss practical measures to build up the African Leadership Conference.

# Location

- Algiers, 30 November – 2 December
- Easy flight connections from Europe and many African countries
- All local transportation concerning the Conference will be provided free of charge to participants.
- Comfortable weather (18-21 °C), some rain.
- Site visits:
  - Algerian Space Agency
  - National Institute of Cartography and Remote Sensing
  - Cultural visits (historical city centre of Algiers, roman ruins, ...)

# Presentations

- Deadline for abstract submission: 30th September 2009.
- Deadline for submission of accepted papers: 20 October 2009.
- Final deadline for application to participate (without presentation): 6 November 2009.
  
- Official languages: Arabic, English, French
- Simultaneous translations in all three languages in all plenary sessions
  
- All presentations will be made available to the participants.
- Selected papers will be published in the Proceedings.

# Exhibition

- The conference will be complemented by an exhibition of space activities of governmental and inter-governmental entities engaged in space activities and space applications in Africa.



# Participation

- We welcome participation from all interested countries and organisations.
- The Local Organising Committee will issue invitation letters to facilitate visa applications for accepted participants.
- No Conference registration fees will be charged. The direct costs of hosting the Conference will be borne by Algeria.
- Air travel costs, visa costs, accommodation and subsistence costs are for the participants.
  - A limited amount of funding is available to support attendance of participants from African countries.

# Thank you

- We look forward to welcoming you to Algeria from 30 Nov – 2 Dec for the ALC 2009.
- For more information
  - Email: [alc2009@asal.dz](mailto:alc2009@asal.dz)