

# The Space Generation Project Groups: Perspectives from University Students and Young Professionals in the Space Sector

**The Space Generation Advisory Council**  
in Support of the UN programme on Space Applications



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# Basic Facts on SGAC



- **Is a non-profit organisation that represents university students and young professionals (18-35 year olds) in international space policy**
- **Started as a result of the 1999 UNISPACE-III conference**
- **Have become a permanent observer in UN COPUOS since 2001 and a member of the UN Economic and Social Council since 2003**
- **Has today a volunteer professional network of about 4,000 members in 90 countries**

*“To create, within the framework of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, a consultative mechanism to facilitate the continued participation of young people from all over the world, especially young people from developing countries and young women, in cooperative space-related activities...” -Vienna Declaration, 1999*



# SGAC Project Groups' Purpose



- To give members a way to discuss pertinent space topics year round
- To hone the analytical skills of the next generation of space leaders
- To produce quality outreach, educational, and analytical output
- To develop perspectives and recommendations from university students and young professionals to share with:
  - Agencies
  - Industry
  - Academia
  - The United Nations



# YGNSS: Origin & Purpose



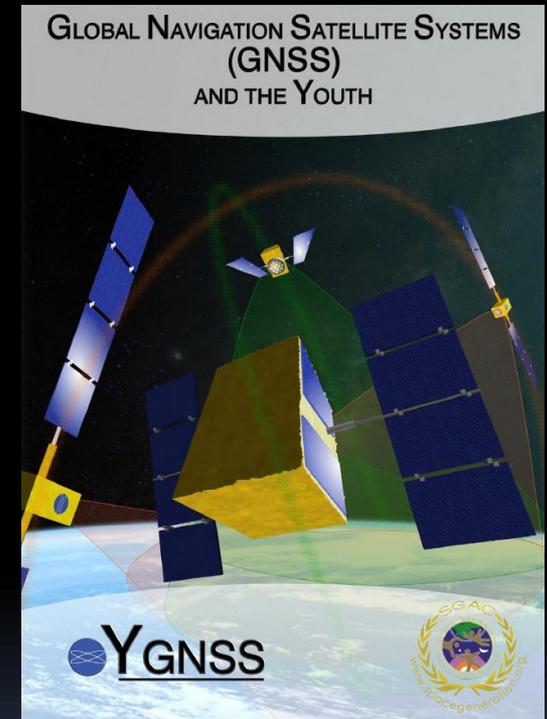
- **Youth for Global Navigation Satellite Systems (YGNSS) was initiated in April 2008**
- **YGNSS educates the public of the benefits of GNSS from different perspectives:**
  - **Social Impact**
  - **Economy**
  - **Education**
  - **Technology Development**
- **We are the “users” of GNSS and the “beneficiaries” of GNSS cooperation**
- **Our responsibility, too, to ensure these benefits for future generations of people around the globe**



# YGNSS: Output



- **Conference participation**
  - Space Generation Congress (SGC)
  - International Astronautical Congress (IAC)
  - International Space University Symposium
  - 16th Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum
  - 2010 Galileo Application Days
- **Outreach and education**
  - YGNSS Brochure
  - International Opinion Poll
  - Geo-Caching
  - Model simulating benefits of interoperability & compatibility



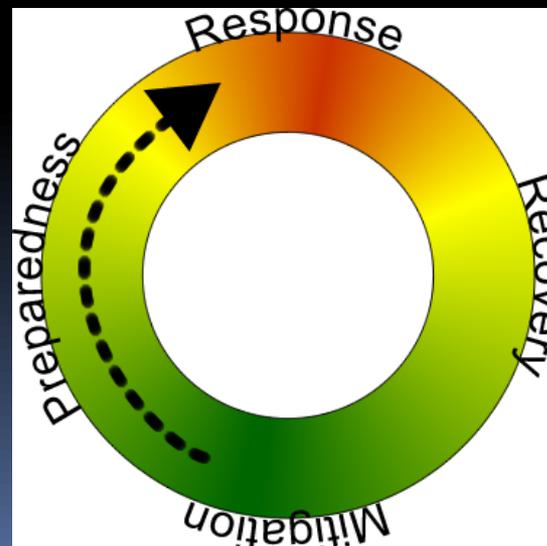
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# Space Technology for Disaster Management: Origins & Purpose



- Created in June 2009
- Main objectives:
  - Create awareness of space assets & applications for disaster management
  - Convey the views of youth to major players



# Space Technology for Disaster Management: Output



- **High-level brief on the 2010 earthquake in Haiti**
- **High-level brief on the 2010 earthquake in Chile**
- **Technical poster contest for winner to attend the 2009 conference on disaster management in the Caribbean with UN-SPIDER**
- **Space Generation Congress topic development**
- **International Astronautical Conference**
- **Informational outreach via its website**

***Contributing to space applications for disaster management outreach efforts of UN***



# Near Earth Object Working Group: Origins & Purpose



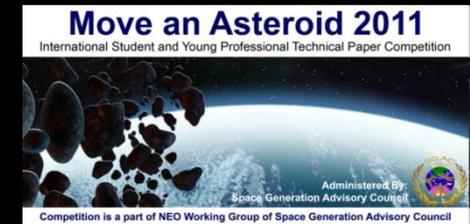
- Created in 2008 to be the voice of the youth to the UN on matters of planetary defense
- Has become a platform for university students and young professionals to engage with planetary defense experts on subjects of research, education & outreach



# Near Earth Object Working Group: Output



- Move an Asteroid Technical Paper Competition
- Conference advertisement for young adult participation (e.g., IAA Planetary Defense Conference)
- New media productions
- Public outreach events



The SGAC N.E.O. Working Group Presents:



**Near Earth Objects  
and  
Planetary Defence**  
A FILM ABOUT DEFENDING THE EARTH



***Continually provided inputs at various UN forums since its inception including UN COPUOS & AT-14***



# Space Safety & Sustainability

## Working Group: Origin & Purpose



- Created in fall 2010
- Examines the safety and long-term sustainability of outer space activities in all aspects, taking into account the interests of all countries
- Proposes measures to establish uniform procedures, standards and regulations for a safe, fair and sustainable use of space from youth perspective
- Focus areas:
  - Space debris mitigation and removal
  - System safety design
  - Space weather effects on space missions
  - Space Situational Awareness
  - Collision risk assessment



# Space Safety & Sustainability Working Group: Output



- **Appointed an Advisory Team from specialist organisations**
- **Partnered with International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety (IAASS)**
  - **Created a scholarship competition**
  - **Contributed to a workshop on a certification in space safety**
- **Linked with Analytical Graphics, Inc. to utilize the STK® space modeling software to create ‘real-world’ outputs**
- **Completed a comprehensive SSS literature review**
- **Has plans to participate in SGC, IAC, and IAASS’s annual event**

***Will contribute to the on-going UN discussions on the long-term sustainability of outer space & partner with other permanent observers***



# Partners and Supporters of SGAC's Project Groups





Thank You

