The Space Generation Advisory Council: A Focus on the Space Law and Policy Project Group
Basic Facts about SGAC

• Founded as a result of the 1999 UNISPACE III Conference
• SGAC has had permanent observer status in UN COPUOS since 2001 and has been a member of the UN Economic and Social Council since 2003
• SGAC has a volunteer network of more than 4,000 members in over 90 countries
Space Law and Policy Project Group

- One of 7 SGAC Project Groups
- Founded by Joyeeta Chatterjee (India) and Christopher Johnson (USA/UK) in 2012
- Current co-leads: Joyeeta Chatterjee (India) and Sandra Cabrera Alvarado (Mexico)
- Currently have 18+ members from Asia, Oceania, North America, Africa and Europe
- Open to any member of SGAC
Objectives

- Engage in critical debates about actual legal and policy aspects concerning space activities
- Investigate legal and regulatory challenges faced by the space community
- Propose space-related policy recommendations
- Address potentially emerging questions and issues in the space sector
- Develop research papers regarding trend questions and issues of the space community
SGAC
Space Law and Policy Project Group
Recent and Current Projects
Space Security and Governance Round Table

• Held during the 65th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Toronto (29 Sept-3 Oct 2014)
Joint Swiss Space Systems - SGAC project

• 'Regulatory and Economical Aspects of Nano Satellites'
• Includes survey, analysis and a publication
• Joint project with Small Satellite Project Group and Commercial Space Project Group
• Identify how technical, regulatory and financial development paths are handed by different organizations at different geographies
• Results will be published once survey has been completed
• Survey will be opened in May
• Project lead: Ana Raposo (Portugal) and for the Space Law and Policy Project Group, Dorina Andoni (Netherlands)
• Interested parties should contact nanosatsurvey@spacegeneration.org
Questions on Suborbital Flights for Scientific Missions and/or for Human Transportation

• Space Law and Policy Project Group on behalf of SGAC
• Document A/AC.105/1039/Add.4
  http://www.unoosa.org/pdf/reports/ac105/AC105_1039Add04E.pdf
• Headed by Lauren Napier (USA)
• Argues that is a good initiative and should be a continuing discussion in the Legal Subcommittee
IAC Paper Proposal 2015

• Joint project with SGAC Space Safety and Sustainability Project Group
• Entitled 'International Spacecraft Design Policies For Orbital Servicing'
• Space Law and Policy Project Group members involved Karina Wardak (Germany), Nathan Johnson (USA) and Hannes Mayer (Austria)
Draft Convention on Planetary Defence

• Joint project with Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Aeronáutico, del Espacio, y de la Aviación Comercial (IIDAEAC)
• Project in early stages of development
• Project lead Sandra Cabrera Alvarado (Mexico)
Educational Directory of Courses Relating to Space Policy

• Modeled on UN Education Curriculum on Space Law
• Headed by Joel Dennerley (Australia)
• Currently being reviewed UNOOSA Space Education Office for future publication
Celestial Resources Working Group

• Investigate laws relating to celestial resources
• Prompted by recent interest in space mining
• Starting point for research Article II of the Outer Space Treaty
• Headed by Thomas Cheney (UK) and Kesorphearom Chea (Cambodia)
Journal Articles

• 'Policy Analysis: Air versus Space. Where do Suborbital Flight Fit In for International Regulation?' for *Journal of Science Policy and Governance* by Lauren Napier (USA) and Thomas Cheney (UK), article is awaiting publication

• Journal *Space Policy* has requested submission from SGAC space law and policy project group, project is being led by Joel Dennerley (Australia)
Biblioteca Spatialis - Online Library

• Provides space to publish views of group members
• Share information with professional community and general public
• Website is currently undergoing development and improvement
Resume Book

• Create resume book for SGAC students and young professionals in fields of space law and policy
• Will be sent to SGAC contacts in industry, government and academia
• Intended to improve employment prospects of SGAC members
• Any interested parties should contact project lead Lauren Napier at j.lauren.napier@gmail.com
Website and Social Media

- [http://spacegeneration.org/projects/space-law.html](http://spacegeneration.org/projects/space-law.html)
- Twitter: @SGACSpacelaw ([https://twitter.com/SGACSpaceLaw](https://twitter.com/SGACSpaceLaw))
- LinkedIn: Space Law and Policy Project Group ([https://www.linkedin.com/groups/SGAC-Space-Law-Policy-Project-8137634/about](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/SGAC-Space-Law-Policy-Project-8137634/about))