

# ***Issues in Developing National Space Policy and Laws***

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## Summary:

Developing national space policy and laws is a complex process. Before any policy is formulated, a clear objective and national requirement must be developed and both the government and the public should agree on general principles. Once the need is established, the policies can then be proposed, debated, and adopted. The process of developing legislation follows and is also subject to inputs from interest groups, citizens, and private companies. The actual implementation of the laws often requires yet another set of specific rules and regulations that may have to be vetted through public comment before being finalized.

This presentation outlines the basics of policy formulation in the space environment and discusses the many different, and not always obvious, types of entities that are important for the successful implementation and enforcement of national laws. In all cases international treaties as well as sub-national laws and policies also have to be considered.