

**United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on  
Outer Space Activities**

**Twenty-ninth session**

Vienna, 4-6 March 2009

Item 3 (d). Means of strengthening further inter-agency coordination and cooperation in space-related activities

**United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities  
Open Informal Session**

***"Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa"***

**Preparations for the Open Informal Session**

(Friday, 6 March 2009, 14:30-17:30)

In its resolution 63/90 of 5 December 2008, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Open Informal Session, held in conjunction with the annual Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities and in which representatives of Member States participate, provides a constructive mechanism for an active dialogue between entities of the United Nations system and Member States.

Taking into consideration the growing interest of Member States in having an open dialogue with United Nations entities, the Inter-Agency Meeting will hold the next Open Informal Session at 2:30 pm on Friday, 6 March 2009. In that context and following the note verbale dated 27 February 2009 (CU 2009/29), the Office for Outer Space Affairs in its capacity as the secretariat of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities invited Member States to participate in the Open Informal Session.

The draft agenda of the forthcoming Open Informal Session was prepared on the basis of the consultation with the focal points of the Meeting is attached (Annex I). Also attached is the provisional list of participants of the Open Informal Session (Annex II), to be updated after the Session.

This year, the Open Informal Session will address "Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa" and is an opportunity for the United Nations entities to inform and exchange views with Member States on the ways and means that space technology and applications can benefit sustainable development in Africa. Further information on the Open Informal Session, including presentations, will be made available at the United Nations website for Coordination of Outer Space Activities (<http://www.uncosa.unvienna.org/>).

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**ON OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES**  
**OPEN INFORMAL SESSION**

**Theme of the Session:**

**"Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa"**

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**Date: Friday, 6 March 2009**

**Time: 14:30 – 17:30**

**Draft Agenda**

14:30	<p><b>Introductory remarks</b></p> <p><b>Introduction of participants</b></p>	<p><i>Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities</i></p> <p><i>All participants</i></p>
14:45	<p><b>Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- [TBC]</li> <li>- “UNOOSA activities for the benefit of Africa”</li> <li>- “Connect Africa Summit and follow up activities”</li> <li>- “Remote sensing tools for cannabis monitoring in Africa”</li> <li>- “Coverage and applications of GIS support to UNHCR operations in Africa”</li> <li>- “WMO-supported activities in Africa”</li> <li>- Briefings on existing and planned space-related activities in Africa (max. 15 min. in total)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Interested United Nations entities and Member States may wish to provide short briefings on their initiatives related to the Session’s theme; briefings will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.)</i></p>	<p><i>ECA</i></p> <p><i>UNOOSA</i></p> <p><i>ITU</i></p> <p><i>UNODC</i></p> <p><i>UNHCR</i></p> <p><i>WMO</i></p>
16:45	<p><b>Questions and answers</b></p> <p><b>Discussions among United Nations entities and Member States</b></p>	
17:15	<p><b>Summary of issues of interest and concern to the United Nations entities and Member States (Concluding remarks)</b></p>	<p><i>Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities</i></p>

## Annex II

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#### **Provisional List of Participants**

##### **Representatives of the United Nations entities**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Participant</b>
Office for Outer Space Affairs	Ms. Mazlan Othman Director
Office for Outer Space Affairs	Mr. Hans Haubold Officer in Charge, SAS
Economic Commission for Africa	[TBC]
United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime	[TBC]
International Telecommunication Union	[TBC]
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees	[TBC]
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	[TBC]
World Meteorological Organization	[TBC]

