



United Nations Expert Meeting on Space for Women

Organized jointly by
the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and UN-Women
4 – 6 October, 2017, New York, United States of America

Programme

DAY 1: Wednesday, 4 October 2017

Welcome and Opening Addresses (plenary CR – 1920)

Moderators: Ms. Allyson Humphrey and Mr. Markus Woltran

09:00	Ms. Lakshmi Puri Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women
09:15	Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

THEMATIC SESSION I:

Let's make space work for women's empowerment

This session will focus on the potential for developing and diffusing applications of space technology for women's empowerment. Issues considered will include priority areas around: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment - Space Technologies & Applications - Challenges and Scaling up opportunities

Space, gender equality and the SDG (plenary CR – 1920)

Moderator: Ms. Ruth Miyandazi

Rapporteur: Ms. Alice Gorman

09:30	UNISPACE+50 and Space2030 Mr. Markus Woltran, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
09:45	Gender Equality, Changing World of Work, and STEM Ms. Anna Falth, UN-Women & Ms. Jennifer Breslin, Futuristas
10:00	Lessons learned from the humanitarian sector on the critical elements that can advance women's leadership and equal participation in innovation and the space sector Ms. Kirsten Gelsdorf, University of Virginia
10:15	Space Diplomacy and Making "Space for Women" Leaders Ms. Namira Salim, Space Trust
10:30	Diversity and Inclusiveness As a Growing Priority for Space Ms. Ersilia Vaudo, European Space Agency
10:45	Interactive Discussion
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>

Space technologies (CR – 1920)

Moderator: Ms. Diana Rusu

Rapporteur: TBC

11:30	Space Technology for Good Ms. Cassie Lee, Vulcan
11:45	Space Science and Technology: A Veritable Tool for Demolishing Gender Equality Ceiling in Nigeria Ms. Iroka Chidinma, National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Abuja, Nigeria



DAY 2: Thursday, 5 October 2017

THEMATIC SESSION II:

Let's make space in the aerospace industry and STEM fields work for women's empowerment

This session will focus on the current landscape – including gaps, opportunities and challenges – around women's empowerment in the aerospace industry and STEM fields. Issues considered will include: Public sector and policy -- Education and media -- Skills and leadership

Public sector and policy (plenary CR-1920)

Moderator: Mr. Markus Woltran

Rapporteur: Ms. Lourdes Garcia-Hernandez

09:00	Women in Space Activities under the Brazilian Space Program Ms. Maria Virginia Alves, National Institute for Space Research – Brazil
09:15	Gender Perspective on the Road to a developing country's space agency: Costa Rican Case Ms. Ana Avila, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the International Organizations
09:30	The Women Role in the Development of the Venezuelan Space Activities Ms. Marglad Bencomo Noguera, The Bolivarian Agency for Space Activities
09:45	Twinkle, Twinkle Star Ms. Adrienne Provenzano
10:00	Interactive Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>

Education and media (CR-1920)

Moderator: Ms. Jennifer Breslin

Rapporteur: TBC

10:45	Gendered Space: Technology Education for Women in Developing Countries Ms. Ocha Witchayanee, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, Rangsit University
11:00	Making Science and STEM fun and accessible for kids at an early age and keeping their interest Ms. Lynn Brunelle, Lynn Brunelle Productions
11:15	Girls InSpace project: A new space physics outreach initiative Ms. Alessandra Abe Pacini, InSpace LLC
11:30	Interactive Discussion

Education and media (CR-1846)

Moderator: Ms. Allyson Humphrey

Rapporteur: Ms. Angeliki Kapoglou

10:45	The Madame Mars Project: Space For All Ms. Jan Millsapps, Documentary Film Institute, San Francisco State University
11:00	Spaceward Bound: An Educational, Field-Based Program With Space for Women & Girls Ms. Jennifer Blank, Blue Marble Space
11:15	International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems: Education and Outreach Programmes and Opportunities Ms. Sharafat Gadimova, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
11:30	Interactive Discussion

Skills and leadership (plenary CR-1920)

Moderator: Ms. Diana Rusu

Rapporteur: Ms. Lizzette Soria

12:00	A colonial space: Women spacefarers of the Antipodes Ms. Alice Gorman, Flinders University
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DAY 3: Friday, 6 October 2017

**HIGH-LEVEL PANEL - UN Secretariat Building
Conference Room 11**

OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS

10:00 – 10:05	Mr. Jan Kickert Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations
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KEYNOTE REMARKS

10:05 – 10:15	Ms. Amina Mohammed Deputy Secretary General United Nations
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

10:15 – 10:30	Ms. Lakshmi Puri Deputy Executive Director UN-WOMEN Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo Director UNOOSA
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:30 – 10:50	Towards a gender equality approach to space exploration Ms. Sandy Magnus Executive Director at American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
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PANEL DISCUSSION

10:50 – 11:00	Moderation and Introductory Remarks Mr. Jan Kickert Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Ambassador
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11:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion Ms. Vasquez Carolina, Minister for Science and Technology Costa Rica Mr. Jan Woerner, Director General European Space Agency Ms. Luisella Giulicchi, President Women in Aerospace-Europe Ms. Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff (Video message) Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director UN-WOMEN Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo, Director UNOOSA
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12:00 – 12:20	Q&A
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12:20 – 12:45	Mr. Scott Kelly UN – Champion For Space, former NASA-Astronaut
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