



**Meeting of the Directors of the  
Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education,  
affiliated to the United Nations**

**Vienna, Austria, 13-14 June 2017  
Vienna International Centre, Room C0431**

Co-organised by the  
United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the Regional Centre for Space  
Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (China)

**Background**

Building on its well-established relationship with the Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education, affiliated to the United Nations, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs considers that the potential contributions of the Regional Centres to UNISPACE+50 can be substantial.

To explore means and common areas of interest to this contribution, the Office and the Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (China) propose a Meeting of the Directors of the Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education, affiliated to the United Nations, to be held on the margins of the sixtieth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, on 13 and 14 June 2017, in Vienna, Austria.

**Objectives**

1. Discuss ideas on contribution of regional centres in UNISPACE+50, especially in the context of thematic priority 7 and its cross-cutting aspects with other thematic priorities;
2. Promote a coordinated development of the Regional Centres by establishing the Regional Centre Alliance;
3. Discuss use of the Space for Development Profile and Space Solution Compendium;
4. Promote best practices for effective hands-on and distance learning programmes in future of space science and technology education; and
5. Discuss status and future updates of education curricula.



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**Draft Agenda**

<b>Tuesday, 13 June (Day 1 of 2)</b>		
9:45-11:00	Welcome remarks  Overview of UNISPACE+50 and its thematic priorities:  Presentation on thematic priority 7 – Capacity-building for 21st Century:	Simonetta Di Pippo, Director, UNOOSA  Luc St-Pierre, UNOOSA  Jorge del Rio Vera, UNOOSA
11:00-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-12:00	Updates from Regional Centres (Max. 5 minutes per Centre)	Werner Balogh, UNOOSA
12:00-12:30	Promoting the coordinated development of all the Regional Centres (affiliated to the UN) by establishing the Regional Centre Alliance	Prof. Jingnong Weng, RCSSTEAP, China
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-15:15	.... Continuation previous session	
15:15-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-17:30	Discussion (Part I): Ideas on contribution of Regional Centres to UNISPACE+50, especially in the context of thematic priority 7 and its cross-cutting aspects with other thematic priorities	Shirish Ravan, Werner Balogh, UNOOSA



<b>Wednesday, 14 June (Day 2 of 2)</b>		
09:30-10:30	Open discussion: Coordination and administrative matters	Luc St-Pierre, UNOOSA
10:30-11:00	Presentation: Space for Development Profile and Space Solution Compendium	Jorge del Rio Vera, UNOOSA
11:00-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-12:00	Promoting Best Practices for effective hands-on and distance learning programmes in future of space science and technology education	Lead: Prof. Senthil Kumar, CSSTEAP, India
12:00-12:30	Common issues: opportunities and challenges, how to address them jointly	Lead: Prof. Sergio Camacho, CRECTEALC, Mexico
12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:15	Education curricula: status and future updates	UNOOSA and Centre Directors
15:15-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30-16:30	Discussion (Part II): Ideas on contributions of Regional Centres to UNISPACE+50,	Shirish Ravan, Werner Balogh, UNOOSA
16:30-17:00	Conclusion	Simonetta Di Pippo Director, UNOOSA