

to the United Nations in Vienna

## **AUSTRIA, ITEM 12**

Space and climate change 67<sup>th</sup> COPUOS (19 – 28 June 2024) Ambassador Gabriela SELLNER

Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

The climate crisis demands our continued attention. At the recent UN/Portuguese Management and Sustainability of Outer Space Activities Conference in Lisbon in May, nearly all Member States underlined the urgent and continuing need for **capacity building**. It is imperative for all of us to enhance our ability to utilize space solutions in addressing the challenges caused by climate change.

To foster awareness and learning on the application of space solutions, together with the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Austria is continuing the Space 4 Climate Action series with this year's UN/Austria Symposium on "Climate Action: Transforming Space-Based Technology Projects into Sustainable Services that Support Policy-Making." The Symposium will be held from 17-18 July 2024 in Graz and online. While in-person participation is now closed, online registration remains available on the UNOOSA website.

This year marks the **30th anniversary** of the symposium, **focusing on the successful transition of satellite-based demonstration projects into continuously funded services** that have a tangible and measurable impact on people's lives.

We are honoured to feature **Indonesia** as this year's focus country and extend our gratitude to the colleagues from the Indonesian National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) for presenting their projects and case studies.

The event will also include sessions and panels on:

- User engagement: fostering meaningful dialogues that lead to sustainable initiatives
- Lessons learned and recommendations
- Support and funding opportunities for space for climate action
- Capacity building: promoting the widespread and effective use of new tools
- Funding and financing technical projects
- The role of governments and inter-governmental organizations

We anticipate an enriching and inclusive event filled with lively discussions and ample networking opportunities.

Hoping that the participants will take with them new experiences and knowledge, and that positive changes will result from our symposium, we are looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Thank you!