Collaborating with UNOOSA

Important Considerations
UNOOSA receives many requests for collaboration:

1) Events & meetings
   ⇒ UN/Country events (co-organise/ co-host/ use of UN logo)
   ⇒ Technical Advisory Missions (Space Law / UN-SPIDER)

2) Projects, programs & Staff
   ⇒ Memorandums of Understanding
   ⇒ Funding Agreements
   ⇒ Staff secondments as contributions in kind
When would we collaborate on UN events?

⇒ When strategic priorities align:
  - Space Sustainability, SDGs, Climate Action, Developing countries/Africa, private sector

⇒ When costs are covered:
  - Collaborative events & associated costs must be funded by requesting State or by a donor through XB
When legal formalities are complied with:

- UNOOSA is part of the UN Secretariat, not an independent specialised UN agency.
- Specific legal requirements apply concerning privileges & immunities for participants which hosting countries must accept.
- These are UN Rules & Procedures established by you, the Member States, & confirmed through a “Host Country Agreement” (HCA)

HCAs take time to negotiate!
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CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations
on 13 February 1946

Official texts in English and in French. This Convention was registered
ex officio by the Secretariat of the United Nations on 14 December 1946.

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par le Secrétariat de l’Organisation des Nations Unies le 14 décembre
1946.
HCAs are required for all events outside UN Headquarters:

⇒ HCAs are signed by your Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Therefore, require involvement of your Permanent Mission

⇒ In summary, HCA’s cover:
  ❖ Privileges & immunities of all participants to UN event
  ❖ Ensures entry & exit of all participants to/from the host country
  ❖ Free cost of visa for all participants
  ❖ Security & medical aid
  ❖ Liability issues/dispute settlements
  ❖ Organizational & logistical matters including in-kind contributions

Please first check with PM or MFA/MoFA before reaching out to UNOOSA!
When is an HCA not required?

- Event held at **UN premises**: VIC, Geneva HQ, NY HQ, UN Nairobi, UN Bangkok, UN Bonn, other major UN office
  - **Space4Women in UNON, Kenya, Nov 2024**
- Event co-hosted by UN specialized agency with premises in your country E.g. ICAO, WFO, UNICEF
- **National events**, where UNOOSA is merely a speaker
- **Framework or Seat Agreement already in place** with UN that applies HCA terms to all UN events planned in your country
- Event takes place **online**

HCAs are possible, they take time, devil is in detail!
Recent Examples of HCAs concluded with UNOOSA:

- **Luxembourg**, March 2024: Expert Meeting on Space Resources
- **Philippines**, April 2024: GNSS Workshop
- **Costa Rica**, May 2024: Space4Water Conference
- **Austria**, July 2024: UN/Graz Symposium

Future HCAs to be negotiated for 2025:

- **Australia**: UN/IAF Workshop during IAC
- **UK**: Conference on Dark & Quiet Skies

It is possible!
Member States contribute staff to UNOOSA:

⇒ “Non-reimbursable Loans” (NRLs) are paid for and seconded by Member State. An additional 13% overhead costs to be covered by MS.

Governed by ST/AI/231/Rev.1:

⇒ NRLs may not be negotiated for secretariat posts & only for locations other than UNHQ, UNOV, UNON, UNOG => NOT IN VIENNA!

⇒ Rules will be enforced more strictly. UNOOSA will only receive an exemption for postings in Vienna for experts with an absolute niche competency & bringing missing knowhow.

⇒ Expert NRL + associated project funding are required to support UNOOSA strategic priorities.