

(submission from Algeria concerning the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation – fair copy)

Translated from French

Contribution of Algeria relating to the structure and workplan of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation

The contribution of Algeria relating to the structure and workplan of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC), as requested in letter OOSA/2024/48 of 4 September 2024, consists of the following main elements:

1. ATLAC team structure

It is suggested that the composition of the bureau be geographically balanced in order to ensure that the various regions are represented.

It is recommended that the work be organized into specialized subgroups in order to address specific topics and thus contribute to the establishment of an international mechanism, as follows:

- Regulation of lunar resources
- Management of risks relating to lunar activities
- International coordination of lunar exploration missions

This approach would make it possible to focus efforts on key areas while benefiting from the diverse expertise of States members, organizations with permanent observer status, and actors in academia and industry, which in turn would enrich the discussions and strengthen the recommendations made.

2. Workplan

The ATLAC workplan should be based on the following aspects:

- Objectives and priorities: focusing on the development of guidelines for sustainable lunar exploration and the promotion of scientific cooperation among States members. These objectives should give prominence to transparency, the importance of the interoperability of technologies and practices, and the benefits that exploration and use of the Moon can offer to all humankind.
- Support for capacity-building and technology transfer: encouraging technical capacity-building and technology-sharing among States members, including through training and partnerships.
- Scientific cooperation: proposing ways of collaborating with space agencies, scientific organizations and industry actors with a view to enhancing the synergy and effectiveness of initiatives relating to lunar activities.

These contributions are intended to guide ATLAC in developing effective policies and promoting peaceful and sustainable lunar exploration, which will form the basis for the international mechanism to be established.

Lastly, in accordance with the terms of reference as set out in the document entitled “Mandate, terms of reference and methods of work of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation” (A/79/20, para. 351 and annex IV), Algeria has appointed the following two experts to take part in the work of ATLAC:

1. Benhamouda Fethi, for technical issues;
2. Behiri Amel, for legal issues.