



Agenda Item -9

INTERVENTION BY KENYA AT THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE (LSC) OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS) HELD IN VIENNA FROM THE 28TH MARCH TO 8TH APRIL, 2022 - **AGENDA 9: CAPACITY-BUILDING IN SPACE LAW**

Good morning Excellencies and Colleagues,

Thank you, ***Madam Chair***, for giving my Delegation the opportunity to contribute on this agenda item.

1. As an emerging space faring nation, Kenya identifies that there is need to build capacity in space law and space regulation.
2. There also exist opportunities which require Space Law interventions, particularly in areas of space engineering, space launch, micro satellite development, micro gravity research and application of space-derived data for agriculture and disaster management.
3. As a country, we continue to engage UNOOSA and other advanced space stakeholders to enhance our capacity, mainly through the *Access to Space for All Initiative*. The benefits have been immense, and have also generated interest in space technology and applications within the country, from both academic and experts.
4. As we continue to explore and expand our space capabilities, it is only practical that we familiarize and operative within existing frameworks.
5. In this regard, Kenya urges UNOOSA to enhance its capacity building initiatives for new space faring countries, through targeted capacity building, education and training in space law and policy. We also wish to emphasize the importance of appropriate budget allocation to enable UNOOSA implement its programmes, including on capacity building.

I thank you.