

In Support of the United Nations
Programme on Space Applications

An overview of the Space Generation Congress 2019 outcomes

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Space Generation Congress





SGC2019 Statistics

Hosted in 2019 by the Lockheed Martin Global Vision Center and managed by SGAC as an official associated event of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC)



> 750 Applications
150 Delegates
68 Scholarships
> 50 Speakers and SMEs
53% Students / 47% YPs
51 Countries Represented
7 Working Groups



Working Groups









Space Exploration

Education to meet future space sector competencies and skills' needs

The Need for Innovation in Mars Exploration Mobilising and engaging the #SpaceGen to deliver the SDGs



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SECURE WORLD FOUNDATION

Post-ISS Activities in the Low Earth Orbit

Pioneering the Moon –
Development of Lunar
Surface Mission
Objectives

Space & Global Health

The SGC Special Track



WG 7 - Special Track

Mobilising and engaging the #SpaceGen to deliver the SDGs



Number of delegates: 19

Number of nationalities represented: 12

Students/Young Professionals ratio: 8:11

Speakers/Subject Matter Experts: 9



Special track - Objectives

- Opportunity to discuss and raise awareness on youth engagement and participation in the debate of space and sustainable development
- Exposure of delegates to experts, youth voices and data on Sustainable Development
- Opportunity to report on how to amplify the voices of the next generation at the national, regional and global levels



Special track - Guiding Questions

- Visions of the next generation with regards to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and role NGOs can have to promote engagement of the youth
- Enabling environments (online and offline) that can be developed for the youth to promote engagement & leadership pertaining SDGs
- Role of governments and development actors play in strengthening policy, practices and support mechanisms for youth development



Speakers and Experts

Space Agencies & IGO

- South African National Space Agency (SANSA),
- Paraguayan Space Agency (AEP)
- New Zealand Space Agency
- UNOOSA

NGOs:

- Eurisy
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network's TReNDS (Thematic Network on Data and Statistics)

Academia

MIT Media Lab

Industry

Airbus Defence and Space



Recommendations

Open lines of communication

- Create one-stop-shop database with SDG targets (169) and Key Performance Indicators (232) in mind
- Yet keep it simple while communicating among actors
- Promote and advocate for open access to data and knowledge to catalyse research and related advocacies

Improving internal review and structure

 Guide members for implementing the SDGs by providing concrete details on Key Performance Indicators, specific implementation examples, and encouraging open data access for measuring metrics



Way forward

Recommendations to SGAC

- Communicate opportunities of SDGs in a simplified and accessible way
 - Develop universal messaging toolkits for SGAC to communicate with partners (governments, companies, public)
 - Support National Points of Contact by providing templates, guidelines, & designated funding for tackling the SDGs, supporting online/offline efforts
- Engrain SDGs in educational programs & activities



Way forward

Space Generation Congress 2020

- SDGs-Focused and aiming to be a sustainable event!
- Every WG will address specific SDGs areas
- Special track will focus on Women in the space sector

We are listening

- In addition to SGC and many other events, 2019 was the first year we successfully conducted one event per SGAC's world region
- Whether for global, regional or local events, SGAC is eager to provide a platform to emerging space actors to access young people

THANK YOU

More details of the outcomes and discussions of the SGC and the different SGAC Events will be published in the SGC2019 Report and SGAC 2019 Annual Report

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