



# 2023 UN/Canada Space4Women Expert Meeting

Presentation to  
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# Background

- [Space4Women](#) is a United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) project to **promote women and girls empowerment in space, in accordance with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 (Quality Education) and 5 (Gender Equality)**.
- Previous Expert Meetings:
  - New-York 2017, Brazil/UAE 2021, Republic of Korea 2022.
- The **2023** Expert Meeting will take place in **Canada** the week of **October 30<sup>th</sup>- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023** in Montréal, Canada.



# Objectives / Outputs

- **Overall Objective:**
  - **Build capacity of participants to promote and advance gender equality and empower women and girls** in the space sector.
- **Outputs:**
  1. Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit: shared with public and private institutions to support mainstreaming gender in their national, regional, or local contexts.
  2. Outcome Report: to be presented at 67th COPUOS (June 2024).



# Target Audience

- **Decision-makers and experts from the space community, including:**
  - Government entities (ministries, space agencies, etc).
  - Academia and research centres.
  - Private sector.
  - Civil society.
  - Regional and international organizations.



# Program Overview

- **Plenary Sessions:**

- **On various topics/themes, including:**

- Gender mainstreaming in space policy, strategy, technology and exploration, including STEM: good practices and lessons learned.
    - Showcasing successful example of women's empowerment through space technology and applications.
    - Working together: recognizing and challenging gender bias, exploring allyship, and uplifting women and girls in space sector, including STEM.

- **Working Group Sessions:**

- Experts to develop a gender mainstreaming toolkit based on their contexts.

- **Other Activities:**

- Poster session: opportunity for participants to share their work.
  - Side event (TBC).

# Application Process

- **The UN encourages all qualified applicants, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds or disabilities to apply.**
- **Applicants to fill out an online application, which includes a motivation statement and questions on their experience in the area of gender equality and/or gender mainstreaming in the space sector, including STEM.**
  - If wishing to make a presentation or participate in the poster session, applicants will also need to submit an abstract.
- **The selection process will consider equity related criteria, including regional representativeness and gender balance (i.e. women, men, gender-diverse people).**
  - Applicants may also be given further consideration if they self-identify as belonging to one or more [vulnerable groups](#).
- **Applications will open in March 2023** on the [UN Space4Women website](#).





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# SAVE THE DATE



**Space4Women Expert Meeting**  
Building capacity to promote and advance  
gender equality in the space sector

**2023**  
**Week of October 30**  
**in MONTREAL, CANADA**

<https://space4women.unoosa.org/events/2023-space4women-expert-meeting>

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