

Capacity Building Network

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Programme on Space Applications



- Supports capacity building in space science, technology and its applications
- Established in response to recommendations of the first UNISPACE conference in 1968
- Operational from 1971 and implemented by UNOOSA
- Strengthened mandates as a result of the discussions at the UNISPACE conferences held in 1982 and 1999

Programme Mandate

International Capacity Cooperation Building **Technical** Information Advisory Dissemination Services

Space for SDGs

 A global partnership for the coordination of the development, operation and utilization of Space-related infrastructure, data, information and services in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Background

- The Programme on Space Applications is supporting capacity building in space science, technology and applications within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The Programme is organizing a series of annual activities (workshops, conferences, fellowship programmes) and working with the Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education.
- The Programme is also engaging with a growing number of entities external to the United Nations that are supporting capacity building in space activities.

CBN Draft Terms of Reference

- a) Any entity (university, institution, NGO, ...), governmental or non-governmental, can apply to UNOOSA to become a member of the CBN.
- b) A condition for Membership is a commitment by the entity to implement a capacity building activity (fellowship programme, training course, event, ...) that supports the Programme mandate. The activities of the entity shall not be in conflict with the aims and purpose of the United Nations.
- c) The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Space for Development Profile shall be guiding frameworks for the expected contributions of the CBN members.

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- d) Members will report on the implementation and outcomes. Reporting will be part of the United Nations results-based management approach.
- e) Membership is always limited to a defined time period and automatically ends when the entity is no longer engaged in a relevant activity.
- f) Members of the CBN are entitled to presnet themselves as part of the "Capacity Building Network in support of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications", acknowledged by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

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- g) UNOOSA will guide the preparation of an annual report on the achievements of the CBN.
- h) The CBN can be kick-started with a "Call for proposals", attracting entities that may wish to become CBN members and with a founding conference/event.
- i) UNOOSA will provide no direct financial support to any of the CBN members. It is expected that the work of the CBN members will support the Programme.

CBN and Regional Centres

- CBN shall not replace the existing Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education, affiliated to the United Nations. However, they may re-consider how they operate and how much they contribute to the Programme.
- The proposal for an "Alliance of Regional Centres" is compatible with the present proposal and one possibility for the Alliance (or the individual Regional Centres) would be to become members of the CBN.

Proposed Next Actions

- 1. Refine the proposal and present and discuss it at the United Nations/Russian Federation Workshop on Human Capacity Building, to be held in Samara, Russian Federation, 30 October to 2 November 2017.
- 2. Prepare a document for COPUOS on the proposal, linked to UNISPACE+50 thematic priority 7 "Capacity Building for the 21st Century".
- 3. Obtain COPUOS support for the proposal, e.g. at STSC 2018.
- 4. Approve the proposal at UNISPACE+50, under thematic priority 7 "Capacity Building for the 21st Century".
- 5. Implementation of the CBN by UNOOSA and CBN members.

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United Nations/Russian Federation Workshop on Human Capacity-Building in Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Social and Economic Development

SAMARA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 30 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 2017