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INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES  
(6 March 2009, Vienna, Vienna International Centre)**

Following the note verbale dated 27 February 2009 (CU 2009/29), the Office for Outer Space Affairs, in its capacity as the secretariat of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities, wishes to invite Member States to participate in the Open Informal Session of the Inter-Agency Meeting, and presents, for their information, the provisional agenda of the Open Informal Session, to be held **at 2:30pm on 6 March 2009** in Conference Room II.

The United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities convenes annually, since 1975, to discuss current and future activities, emergent technologies of interest and other related matters. The Meeting reports on its deliberations to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Meeting also compiles, on behalf of the Secretary-General, a report on the coordinated space-related activities of the United Nations system, which serves as a strategic tool for United Nations entities to further enhance inter-agency cooperation and avoid duplication of efforts related to the use of various space applications.

Since 2004, the Inter-Agency Meeting has convened Open Informal Sessions to provide a constructive mechanism for an active dialogue between the entities of the United Nations system and Member States. This year, the Session will address “Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa” and is an opportunity for the United Nations entities to inform and exchange views with Member States on the ways and means that space technology and applications benefit sustainable development in Africa. Further information on the Open Informal Session will be made available at the United Nations website for Coordination of Outer Space Activities at <http://www.uncosa.unvienna.org/>.

27 February 2009

**INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES  
OPEN INFORMAL SESSION**

**Theme of the Session:**

**“ Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa ”**

**Venue: 1400 Vienna, Vienna International Centre, Building C, Room II**

**Date: Friday, 6 March 2009**

**Time: 14:30 – 17:30 hrs.**

14:30	<p><b>Introductory remarks</b></p> <p><b>Introduction of participants</b></p>	<p><i>Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities</i></p> <p><i>All participants</i></p>
14:45	<p><b>Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- [TBC]</li> <li>- “UNOOSA activities for the benefit of Africa”</li> <li>- “Connect Africa Summit and follow up activities”</li> <li>- “Remote sensing tools for cannabis monitoring in Africa”</li> <li>- “Coverage and applications of GIS support to UNHCR operations in Africa”</li> <li>- “WMO-supported activities in Africa”</li> <li>- Briefings on existing and planned space-related activities in Africa (max. 15 min. in total)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Interested United Nations entities and Member States may wish to provide short briefings on their initiatives related to the Session’s theme; briefings will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.)</i></p>	<p><i>ECA</i></p> <p><i>UNOOSA</i></p> <p><i>ITU</i></p> <p><i>UNODC</i></p> <p><i>UNHCR</i></p> <p><i>WMO</i></p>
16:45	<p><b>Questions and answers</b></p> <p><b>Discussions among United Nations entities and Member States</b></p>	
17:15	<p><b>Summary of issues of interest and concern to the United Nations entities and Member States (Concluding remarks)</b></p>	<p><i>Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities</i></p>