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Annotated provisional agenda

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16. Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.



17. Report to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Annotations¹

2. Statement by the Chair

The Chair will make a statement reviewing developments of relevance to the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee that have taken place since its sixty-first session. After that statement, the Subcommittee will organize its schedule of work.

3. General exchange of views and introduction of reports submitted on national activities

The annual written reports submitted by Member States on their space activities will be made available to the Subcommittee ([A/AC.105/1337](#), [A/AC.105/1337/Add.1](#) and [A/AC.105/1337/Add.2](#)).

4. Space for sustainable development: technology and its applications, including the United Nations Programme on Space Applications

In paragraph 13 of its resolution 79/87, the General Assembly agreed that the Subcommittee should reconvene its Working Group of the Whole.

In paragraph 29 of its resolution 79/87, the General Assembly recognized the capacity-building activities under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, which provided unique benefits for Member States, in particular developing countries, participating in those activities.

The Subcommittee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Report on the United Nations/Costa Rica/Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water Sixth Conference on the Use of Space Technology for Water Management, held in San José and online, from 7 to 10 May 2024, with on-site training on 11 May 2024 ([A/AC.105/1330](#));

(b) Report on the United Nations/Austria symposium on the theme “Climate action: transforming space-based technology projects into sustainable services that support policy-making”, held in Graz, Austria (online), on 17 and 18 July 2024 ([A/AC.105/1335](#));

(c) Report on the United Nations/International Astronautical Federation Workshop on Space Technology for Socioeconomic Benefits, on the theme “Space sustainability as a game changer for development”, held in Milan, Italy, from 11 to 13 October 2024 ([A/AC.105/1336](#)).

5. Space debris

The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on research on space debris, the safety of space objects with nuclear power sources on board and problems relating to their collision with space debris. The note contains information that the secretariat has received from Member States and international organizations ([A/AC.105/C.1/128](#) and [A/AC.105/C.1/128/Add.1](#)).

6. Space-system-based disaster management support

The Subcommittee will have before it a report on activities carried out in 2024 in the framework of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response ([A/AC.105/1339](#)).

¹ The annotations are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Subcommittee.

7. Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems

The Subcommittee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat containing the report on the eighteenth meeting of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems, held in Wellington and online from 7 to 11 October 2024 ([A/AC.105/1327](#) and [A/AC.105/1327/Corr.1](#));

(b) Report of the Secretariat on activities carried out in 2024 in the framework of the workplan of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems ([A/AC.105/1328](#));

(c) Report on the United Nations Workshop on Global Navigation Satellite Systems and Related Space Technologies in Support of Responses to Urban Sustainability Challenges, held online from 18 to 22 November 2024 ([A/AC.105/1329](#)).

8. Space weather

The Subcommittee will have before it the report on the United Nations/Germany workshop on the International Space Weather Initiative: Preparing for the Solar Maximum, held in Neustrelitz, Germany, from 10 to 14 June 2024 ([A/AC.105/1326](#)).

9. Near-Earth objects

The Subcommittee will continue to consider the work being undertaken by the International Asteroid Warning Network and the Space Mission Planning Advisory Group ([A/AC.105/1307](#), paras. 144–158).

10. Long-term sustainability of outer space activities

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities will be reconvened under its five-year workplan ([A/AC.105/1258](#), para. 209 and annex II, appendix, para. 18).

The Subcommittee will have before it a draft report of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ([A/AC.105/C.1/L.419](#)).

11. Future role and method of work of the Committee

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, the Subcommittee will reconvene its Working Group of the Whole to consider the item on the future role and method of work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

12. Space and global health

With reference to General Assembly resolution [77/120](#) on space and global health, and pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, the Subcommittee will continue its consideration of the item on space and global health.

The Subcommittee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Long-term strategy on space and global health for the period 2025–2035 ([A/AC.105/C.1/127](#));

(b) Report on the United Nations/World Health Organization Regional Conference on Space Technology for Advancing Global Health, held in Vienna from 23 to 25 October 2024 ([A/AC.105/1333](#)).

The Subcommittee will also consider the work being undertaken by the Space and Global Health Network through an annual report to be provided by its Coordinator.

13. Use of nuclear power sources in outer space

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space will be reconvened under its five-year workplan ([A/AC.105/1279](#), annex III, para. 8, and [A/AC.105/1307](#), annex III, para. 6).

The Subcommittee will have before it a working paper prepared by the Chair of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space entitled “Draft questionnaire containing a preliminary set of questions to be used to collect information relating to the objectives of the workplan of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space” ([A/AC.105/C.1/L.421](#)).

14. Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, the Subcommittee will continue its consideration of this item.

15. Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges

At its sixty-first session, in 2024, the Subcommittee agreed to include the item entitled “Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges” on its provisional agenda for its sessions in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that, under that item at its session in 2029, it would consider and decide whether to retain that item on its provisional agenda ([A/AC.105/1307](#), para. 257).

16. Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

The draft provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Subcommittee, outlining subjects to be dealt with as single issues/items for discussion or under multi-year workplans, will be submitted to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-eighth session, in 2025.

The Working Group of the Whole will consider the draft provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Subcommittee, including the topic for the symposium to be organized in 2026 by the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Symposium

In accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, in 2007 ([A/AC.105/890](#), annex I, para. 24), and at its sixty-first session, in 2024 ([A/AC.105/1307](#), para. 259), a symposium organized by the International Astronautical Federation on the topic “Space for climate action” will be held in the afternoon of 11 February 2025.

Annex

Organization of work

1. At its sixty-sixth session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed on the following (A/78/20, para. 351):

(a) Future sessions of the Committee and its subcommittees are to be held in in-person format and regular-budget mandated meetings are to be webcast on United Nations WebTV, at no cost to the Office for Outer Space Affairs;

(b) With the exception of the item on the general exchange of views, all agenda items of the Committee and its subcommittees are to be considered in sequential order, while the holding of working group meetings should not be precluded;

(c) For all agenda items, representatives of member States are the first to be given the opportunity to speak under an agenda item, and only then should the floor be given to representatives of observer organizations;

(d) In order to encourage informal discussions and enhance exchanges among member States, the secretariat should, when practicable, seek measures to avoid scheduling informal meetings of working groups concurrently with plenary meetings and instead utilize designated time slots before the morning meetings and during the lunch break for informal meetings;

(e) The secretariat should, when practicable and when formal plenary meetings conclude earlier than scheduled, make interpretation services available for informal discussions. These measures are aimed at supporting inclusive and productive engagement during informal discussions;

(f) Member States and international intergovernmental organizations with permanent observer status with the Committee are requested to indicate in their accreditation submission if they wish to receive conference room papers in hard copy, to be placed in their respective pigeonholes.

2. Meetings with full interpretation services will be limited to two 3-hour meetings per day for the duration of the session. The meeting times for meetings with conference services (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.) will be strictly observed.

3. The work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee has been scheduled so as to afford the working groups that will be convened under items 4, 10, 11, 13 and 16 the maximum amount of time available.

4. The number of statements to be made at each meeting under item 3, entitled "General exchange of views and introduction of reports submitted on national activities", may be limited, as necessary, in order to allow sufficient time for other agenda items to be considered as planned for each meeting. As soon as discussion on an item other than item 3 has been concluded, the following item will be taken up, time permitting.

5. Statements by delegations should be limited to 5 minutes and technical presentations should be limited to 10 minutes (A/AC.105/1279, para. 79 and annex I, para. 5). A time-keeping device should be used in all sessions. The Chair of each session should remind delegations when 1 minute remains. The Chair should interrupt the delivery of the statement or presentation when the time allocated for it has elapsed (A/74/20, para. 321).

6. The secretariat will upload statements that have been voluntarily submitted by delegations for uploading to the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in a timely manner. Upon submitting statements for interpretation purposes, delegations are to inform the secretariat as to whether the statement may be uploaded to the website.

7. Technical presentations should be limited to three per meeting and should be closely linked to the agenda items of the Subcommittee. Speaking notes for scientific and technical presentations should be provided in advance to facilitate simultaneous interpretation ([A/AC.105/1088](#), para. 275).
8. Within one week after the closure of the session, delegations of States members of the Committee may provide language-related comments on the reports of working groups and on the report of the Subcommittee adopted during the session.
9. An indicative schedule of work is provided below. The indicative schedule of work is a general guide to the organization of the session, and the actual scheduling will depend on the requirements of the work of the Subcommittee and any organizational constraints in the course of the session.

Indicative schedule of work*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)</i>	<i>Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)</i>
Week of 3–7 February 2025		
Monday, 3 February	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Statement by the Chair Item 3. General exchange of views	Item 3. General exchange of views Technical presentations
Tuesday, 4 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group of the Whole ^a Technical presentations	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ^b Technical presentations
Wednesday, 5 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group of the Whole Technical presentations	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group of the Whole Technical presentations
Thursday, 6 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space ^c Technical presentations	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group of the Whole Technical presentations
Friday, 7 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities Technical presentations	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space Technical presentations
Week of 10–14 February 2025		
Monday, 10 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group of the Whole Technical presentations	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space Technical presentations

* At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/50/20)*, paras. 168 and 169 (b)).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)</i>	<i>Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)</i>
Tuesday, 11 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group of the Whole Meeting of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space Technical presentations	Symposium organized by the International Astronautical Federation on the topic “Space for climate action”
Wednesday, 12 February	Item 3. General exchange of views Items 4–16 Meeting of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities Technical presentations	Items 3–16 Adoption of the report of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space Adoption of the report of the Working Group of the Whole Technical presentations
Thursday, 13 February	Items 3–16 Adoption of the report of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities Item 17. Report to the Committee Technical presentations	Item 17. Report to the Committee
Friday, 14 February	Item 17. Report to the Committee	Item 17. Report to the Committee

^a The Working Group of the Whole, to be reconvened pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, will meet during the session for its consideration of items 4, 11 and 16. The Subcommittee will resume its consideration of those items on Wednesday, 12 February, in order to endorse the report of the Working Group.

^b The Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, to be reconvened pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, will meet during the session for its consideration of item 10. The Subcommittee will resume its consideration of the item on Thursday, 13 February, in order to endorse the report of the Working Group.

^c The Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space, to be reconvened pursuant to paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 79/87, will meet during the session for its consideration of item 13. The Subcommittee will resume its consideration of the item on Wednesday, 12 February, in order to endorse the report of the Working Group.