

Pre-Session Briefing: 68th Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)

for Member States of the United Nations
and organizations with permanent observer status with COPUOS

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Dates: 25 June – 2 July 2025

- **Announcement of the dates: Information Circular of 27 May 2025 (OOSA/2025/43, CU 2025/173)**
- **Invitation: Note verbale of 27 May 2025 (OOSA/2025/31, CU 2025/159(A)/OOSA/CPLA)**
- **Annotated provisional agenda (A/AC.105/L.341, with indicative schedule of work)**



Schedule of Meetings

Vienna (CET)	
9:00 – 10:00	Informal Consultations
10:00 - 13:00 Morning meeting w/interpretation	Plenary [Webcast]
	Formal meetings of Working Groups, consultations, if scheduled
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch Break / Informal Consultations / Side Events
15:00 - 18:00 Afternoon meeting w/interpretation	Plenary [Webcast]
	Formal meetings of Working Groups, consultations, if scheduled



Organizational Arrangements

- **In-person. M-Plenary.**
- **With interpretation (10:00-13:00 and 15:00-18:00):**
plenary meetings, WG-LTS formal meetings; formal consultations
- **Webcast: open plenary meetings**
- **Working Group informal meetings: hybrid**
(No interpretation)
- **Informal consultations: in-person or hybrid**
(No interpretation)



Informal Meetings/Consultations

- Convened according to the needs (WG-LTS, WG-NPS, ATLAC, UNISPACE IV, other issues per request from delegations)
- Modality: Hybrid (in-person + MS Teams) or In-person
 - Information Circulars with links for online participation
- No interpretation
- Schedule: See webpage of COPUOS 68th session:
(<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/2025/index.html>)



Side events

- Format = as chosen by the organizers (in-person/hybrid)
- Requests for side meetings/events ← **Deadline WAS 28 May 2025**
 - 20 requests received; time slots = 15 hours total (25.6-1.7)
 - All events to be limited to 50 min. max.
- Schedule of event
 - Approval by the Director → Coordination with the organizers
 - Confirmed events to be announced on the session website
- Questions on side event to be sent to unoosa-submission@un.org



Accreditations

■ Full composition of delegation

- ✓ Accreditation details with email addresses; in Word format, in addition to the scanned document
- ✓ Send to unoosa-submissions@un.org **by 11 June 2025**

IMPORTANT: Provide accreditation details (names, email addresses, etc.) in editable format



Attendance by non-COPUOS member States

- To attend the session as observers
- Submit a note verbale with a request to attend (per A/AC.105/1224, para. 228, and Annex I, para. 9)
- Indicating the composition of the delegation, one week prior to the opening of the session (Wednesday, 18 June 2025).



Adjustments to the organization of work

Background: Shortened session (by 2 days)

Objective = Ensure to accommodate all deliberations on substantive matters within the limited timeframe (ca. 4 days)

- a) Limit all statements to 3 min.**
- b) Schedule no technical presentations**
- c) Agenda items on STSC and LSC:**
 - Besides the statements by STSC and LSC Chairs, reporting on the outcomes of the 2025 sessions of STSC and LSC, only those statements reflecting major developments since STSC and LSC 2025 sessions are to be delivered**



Process to formalize the organization of work

- **Initiate a silence procedure**
 - **Circulation of a draft decision (min. 3 working days to process)**
 - **silence procedure for 72 hrs. (=3 working days)**
 - **circulation of the result (min. 2 working days to process)**
- **Decision/Announcement at the opening meeting**



Statements

- Plenary statements: limited to **three (3) minutes**.
- Statements for interpretation: to be provided **at least 2 working days before** delivery
 - File names to follow the format: **AgendaItem_CountryName** (e.g. 3_Austria.doc).
 - Top of statement: Country name and Agenda Item (e.g. Austria, Item 3)
- Indicate **if the statement should not be uploaded** to the website.
- Delivery of pre-recorded statements: See session website for **Technical Requirements for pre-recorded**



List of speakers

- **Inscriptions to the list of speakers per agenda item –
by 11 June 2025**
- **Member States to speak first under an agenda item; to be followed by observer organizations**
- **Online list of speakers available**
- **All agenda items are to be considered in sequential order with the exception of “General Exchange of Views”**
- **Conclusion of the consideration of an item
→ the following item to be taken up, time permitting.**
- **One statement per delegation per agenda item**



Estimated distribution of agenda items (1st week)

Week 1	Monday, 23 June 2025	Tuesday, 24 June 2025	Wednesday, 25 June 2025	Thursday, 26 June 2025	Friday, 27 June 2025
Morning (10 a.m.– 1 p.m.)	<Informal consultations>* 9.30-11 ATLAC	<Informal consultations>* 9-10 Space Traffic Study Group (Germany) 10-12 WG-LTS	Item 1. Opening of the session. Item 2. Adoption of the agenda. Item 3. Statement by the Chair. Item 4. General exchange of views.	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its sixty-second session.	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 8. Space and sustainable development. Item 9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status.
Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)	<Informal consultations>* 13.30-15:30 UNISPACE IV 15.45-17.15 International cooperation and benefit-sharing	<Informal consultations>* 12.30-2 Draft resolution of UN General Assembly “Space Science and Technology for Peace” (Russian Federation) 2.30-4 ATLAC	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purpose.	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-fourth session.	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 10. Space and water. Item 11. Space and climate change.

See Information Circular of 29 May 2025 (OOSA/2025/45, CU 2025/180)



Estimated distribution of agenda items (2nd week)

Week 2	Monday, 30 June 2025	Tuesday, 1 July 2025	Wednesday, 2 July 2025
Morning (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system. Item 13. Future role and method of work of the Committee.	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 15. “Space2030” Agenda. Item 16. Other matters.	Item 17. Report to the Committee.
Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)	Item 4. General exchange of views. Item 14. Space exploration and innovation. Item 15. “Space2030” Agenda.	Item 17. Report to the Committee.	Item 17. Report to the Committee.



Some actions expected

- **ATLAC (=Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation): Workplan**
- **UNISPACE IV (=fourth United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space): objectives, form, venue, dates, participants, organization, scope, financial aspects**
- **Enlargement of membership: applications received from Honduras, Malta, Myanmar, The Gambia, Zimbabwe**
- **Granting permanent observer status: applications received from Alliance for Collaboration in the Exploration of Space (ACES Worldwide), International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Lunar Policy Platform Foundation (LPP)**



Some actions expected (continued)

- **Composition of the bureaux 2026-2027**

	2026-2027
COPUOS Chair	Teodoro Valente (Italy), nominated by Western European and Other States
COPUOS 1st Vice-Chair	Melita Župevc (Slovenia), nominated by Eastern European States
COPUOS 2nd Vice-Chair / Rapporteur	To be nominated by African States
STSC Chair	Pakorn Apaphant (Thailand) for 2026 and Yaqoob Alqassab (Bahrain) for 2027, nominated by Asia-Pacific Group
LSC Chair	Pablo Adrián Arrocha Olabuenaga (Mexico) for 2026 and Natanael Pineda Rodríguez (Panama) for 2027, nominated by Latin American and Caribbean States

- **“Space2030” Agenda Mid-Term Review**



The Space2030 Agenda: Space as a driver of sustainable development: UNGA resolution 76/3 of 25 Oct 2021

- COPUOS recalled at its 67th session in 2024 that in 2025 a midterm review of progress made in implementing the “Space2030” Agenda would be conducted at its 68th session, in 2025 and that **Member States and observer organizations with the Committee would be invited to submit reports on their key activities in implementing the “Space2030” Agenda** ([A/79/20](#), para. 369)
- UN Member States and permanent observer organizations with COPUOS are invited to submit their reports on key activities in implementing the Space2030 Agenda to unoosa-submissions@un.org (ref. OOSA/2024/66, CU 2024/410/OOSA/CPLA)
- Submissions are being made available **on the dedicated Space2030 Agenda webpage at unoosa.org**, and can provide an important global overview of the space solutions and existing national challenges that could be addressed through access to space data, services and technology.
- The final review of the Space2030 Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development is envisioned in 2030 and reported to the General Assembly ([A/RES/76/3](#), para. 30)



Mid-term review of Space2030 Agenda

- **General guidance for the mid-term review of the "Space2030" Agenda** (for Member States and permanent observer organizations with COPUOS) ([Download here](#))

For Member States:

- Template A - Solutions: [Download the Word file here](#)
- Template B - Capacity-Building Needs Assessment - [Download the Word file here](#)
- Template C - Tools - [Download the Word file here](#)

For permanent observer organizations with COPUOS:

- Template A - Solutions: [Download the Word file here](#)



Adoption of the report

- Tuesday p.m. + Wednesday a.m./p.m., 2nd week.
- Principle: Not verbally stated → not reflected in the report
- **Post-session correction:** language-related comments on language versions of the report to be submitted within one week after the session to **unoosa-submissions@un.org.**)

List of participants

- To be finalized within one week after the session
(corrections by delegations reflecting full attendance to be submitted to Secretariat at **unoosa-submissions@un.org**)



Liquidity crisis mitigation measures (Part 1)

- Meetings held only during the official working hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Side events are fully self-serviced.
 - ✓ Guidelines on how to self-service meetings are available.
- RB Secretariat bodies with 10 or more planned meetings instructed to reduce their meetings by at least 10% and to adjust their programmes of work accordingly.



Liquidity crisis mitigation measures (Part 2)

- Timely issuance of parliamentary documentation in the mandated languages to be significantly impacted.
 - ✓ Agreed schedules and word counts to be strictly enforced.
- In-session documentation to be handled within working hours.
- All departments to reduce the length of their regular reports by 10%.
- Submissions by Member States are handled on as available basis and potentially issued in the language and format received.
- Meetings are fully paperless. Meeting-related parliamentary documentation is made available electronically.

CONCLUSION



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