

Open Lunar Foundation
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Presented by Mr. Jacob Malthouse

Thank you Madame Chair.

The Open Lunar Foundation is dedicated to creating stewardship.

In 2021, we became an Observer to this Honourable Committee. Today I am delighted to deliver my first statement as Executive Director.

Distinguished Delegates, just like this Honourable Committee, Open Lunar devotes deep consideration to technical and legal issues.

How well we think about these issues in the context of Lunar activities depends on the active contribution of stakeholders.

Distinguished Delegates, that is why Open Lunar believes in the importance of inclusive exchanges.

A key feature of our work is the thoughtful discovery of interventions that can advance lunar stewardship. We follow this discovery with sustained investment.

I am pleased to share an example of the fruits of that investment.

Together with other permanent observers to this Honourable Committee including the Secure World Foundation, the Space Generation Advisory Council, and For All Moonkind, we are today releasing the first moon dialogs Lunar Policy Handbook.

This handbook is an example of how we turn discovery into action. It is a practical guide to the world of lunar governance.

All Distinguished Delegations are invited to receive a printed copy of this handbook during a launch event that will take place today at 6:30 in the Mozart room.

This year we are also supporting the creation of an independent Lunar Policy Platform.

The platform will produce three types of deliverables: Priorities Reports, Standards of Behaviour and Coordination Briefings.

It may also deliver community-driven inputs for consideration by this Honourable Committee.

The Platform Director is now consulting stakeholders to gather participants for a Pilot that will be held this year.

The Pilot will produce an example priorities Report that will help policy makers identify near term priorities for sustainable lunar development.

All Countries are warmly invited to participate. We encourage all Delegations interested in participating to approach the Director.

Distinguished Delegates, at Open Lunar we employ our resources and expertise in support of creative lunar stewardship.

We invite you to visit our website for more information, and stand ready to work with you towards the peaceful, safe, and sustainable development of the Moon.

Thank you for your attention.