

Workshop of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

Panel 1 on Regulatory and policy aspects

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“Implementing the long-term sustainability guidelines into national law, regulation, and licensing frameworks”

1. A summary of how the United Nations long-term sustainability guidelines may be implemented into national law, regulation, and licensing frameworks, particularly for emerging space nations to ensure the attractiveness of such frameworks to encourage national commercial activities while meeting international responsibility, liability, safety, and sustainability requirements.
2. It is important that such frameworks allow for the effective implementation of the Guidelines at the level of national commercial entities, stimulating and encouraging national activities through enabling regulation attractive to finance and insurance communities.
3. This topic will include how to develop effective authorisation and supervision frameworks, national registration practices and insurance and indemnity models. This will include encouraging small satellite activities, accessing radio-frequency spectrum, and managing the safety of space activities and space debris mitigation practices. It will take a practical, inclusive, holistic and collaborative approach.