

Programme

United Nations Conference on Space Law and Policy: The Outer Space Treaty for the 21st Century

28-30 November 2023 (Vienna - Virtual)

Day 1 – 28 November 2023		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Moderator/Speaker</i>
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction (Housekeeping)	<i>Moderator</i>
10:05 – 10:30	<u><i>Welcome Remarks:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aarti Holla-Maini</i> <i>Director, UNOOSA</i> 	
<i>The Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies</i>		
		<i>Moderator</i>
10:30 – 10:50 10:50 – 11:00 Q&A	Overview of Articles I-XII of the Outer Space Treaty	<i>Michael Newman,</i> <i>Legal Officer,</i> <i>UNOOSA</i>
11:00 – 11:20 11:20 – 11:30 Q&A	Article I – Space Exploration for the Benefit and Interests of All Countries	<i>Olavo Bittencourt</i> <i>Neto,</i> <i>Professor of Law,</i> <i>UNISANTOS</i> <i>Brazil</i>
11:30 – 11:50 11:50 – 12:00 Q&A	Article I – Free Exploration and Use of Outer Space: Without discrimination of any kind	<i>Andrzej Misztal</i> <i>Former LSC Chair</i> <i>Chair,</i> <i>Working Group on</i> <i>Legal Aspects of</i> <i>Space Resource</i> <i>Activities</i>
12:00 – 12:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:15 – 12:35 12:35 – 12:45	Article II – Occupation and Use of the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies: What does the future hold for space exploration?	<i>Gabriel Swiney,</i> <i>Director,</i> <i>Policy, Advocacy,</i> <i>and International</i> <i>Division, Office of</i> <i>Space Commerce</i> <i>United States</i> <i>Department of</i> <i>Commerce</i>
12:45 – 13.05 13:05 – 13.15 Q&A	Article III – International law and space activities: Acts and omissions as breaches, and enforcement of treaty obligations	<i>Tare Brisibe,</i> <i>Former LSC Chair</i>

13:15 – 13:35 13:35 – 13:45 Q&A	Article II – Prohibited national appropriation: What could cross the line?	<i>Steven Freeland</i> <i>Vice Chair,</i> <i>Working Group on</i> <i>Legal Aspects of</i> <i>Space Resource</i> <i>Activities</i>
13:45 - 13:50	<i>Wrap up Day 1</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
Day 2 – 29 November 2023		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Presentation</i> <i>Welcome Statement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Nomfuneko Majaja</i> <i>LSC Chair</i>	<i>Moderator/Speaker</i>
10:00 – 10:20 10:20 – 10:30 Q&A	Article IV – Behavioral norms in Outer Space Activities and the Future of Space Security at the Multilateral Level	<i>Hellmut Lagos,</i> <i>Former LSC Chair</i>
10:30 – 10:50 10:50 – 11:00 Q&A	Article V – Assistance to astronauts: Human acts as dangerous phenomena	<i>Yun Zhao</i> <i>Professor of Law,</i> <i>University of Hong</i> <i>Kong</i>
11:00 – 11:20 11:20 – 11:30 Q&A	Article VI – International responsibility for national activities: The role of due diligence and private sector activities in space that implicate the State	<i>Vasily Gudnov,</i> <i>Roscosmos</i>
11:30 – 11:50 11:50 – 12:00 Q&A	Article IX – Obligation of due regard: Notice of circumstances and information needed to ensure compliance by others	<i>Sergio Marchisio,</i> <i>Former LSC Chair</i>
12:00 – 12:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:15 – 12:35 12:35 – 12:45 Q&A	Article VII – Liability for damage caused by a space object and the Liability Convention: The problem of proving fault in outer space	<i>Gerardine Goh</i> <i>Escolar,</i> <i>Professor of Law</i> <i>National University</i> <i>of Singapore</i>
12:45 - 13:05 13:05 – 13:15 Q&A	Article VIII – Retaining jurisdiction through registration and ownership of space objects: what property rights do you have in facilities and installations?	<i>Melissa Force,</i> <i>General Counsel,</i> <i>Spaceport America</i>
13:15 – 13:35 13:35 – 13:45 Q&A	Article VI – Authorization and continuing supervision of non-governmental entities: What happens when an operator steps beyond its license?	<i>Loyaan Egal,</i> <i>Chief of</i> <i>Enforcement,</i> <i>United States</i> <i>Federal</i> <i>Communications</i> <i>Commission</i>
13:45 – 13:50	<i>Wrap up Day 2</i>	<i>Moderator</i>

Day 3 – 30 November 2023

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Moderator/Speaker</i>
10:00 – 10:20 10:20 – 10:30 Q&A	Article IX – Harmful Contamination: The case of planetary protection	<i>Niklas Hedman</i> <i>Vice Chair,</i> <i>Planetary</i> <i>Protection Panel</i> <i>COSPAR</i>
10:30 – 10:50 10:50 – 11:00 Q&A	Article IX – Harmful interference, the obligation to consult, and the right to be consulted	<i>Rosanna Hoffmann,</i> <i>Associate Legal</i> <i>Officer</i> <i>UNOOSA</i>
11:00 – 11:20 11:20 – 11:30 Q&A	Article X – Observance of flights of space objects to ensure peaceful purposes: A transparency building mechanism for international cooperation	<i>Setsuko Aoki,</i> <i>Former Chair LSC,</i> <i>Former Chair</i> <i>Working Group on</i> <i>International</i> <i>Mechanisms for</i> <i>Cooperation</i>
11:30 – 11:50 11:50 – 12:00 Q&A	Article XI – Information sharing, notice of activities and the triggering of rights and obligations under the Outer Space Treaty	<i>Jean-François</i> <i>Mayence,</i> <i>Former Chair,</i> <i>Working Group on</i> <i>the Five UN</i> <i>Treaties</i>
12:00 - 12:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
12:15 – 12:35 12:35 – 12:45 Q&A	Article XI – Information sharing and international cooperation: Current developments at the multilateral level	<i>Franziska Knur</i> <i>Chair, Working</i> <i>Group on the Five</i> <i>UN Treaties</i>
12:45 - 13:05 13:05 – 13:15 Q&A	Article XII – Moon bases open to all on the basis of reciprocity: What does the future of international cooperation and multilateralism hold?	<i>Xu Yu,</i> <i>Ministry of Foreign</i> <i>Affairs, China</i>
Conclusions		
13:15 – 13:30	Observations and Conclusions	<i>Moderator</i>
13.30 – 13:50	Closing Remarks and Wrap Up of the Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Newman <i>UNOOSA</i> 	