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**Committee on the Peaceful Uses  
of Outer Space**  
Fifty-third session  
Vienna, 9-18 June 2010

**Request for observer status with the United Nations  
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: application  
of the Association of Remote Sensing Centers in the Arab  
World**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its thirty-third session, in 1990, the Committee considered guidelines for granting observer status with the Committee to international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The possible criteria suggested by the Outer Space Affairs Division to the Committee at the time were the following:

- (a) As part of its programme, the organization should be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;
- (b) The aims and purposes of the organization should be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
- (c) The organization should be a recognized international organization and should have an established headquarters, an executive officer, and a constitution, a copy of which is deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. In the case of a non-governmental organization, it should be a non-profit organization.

2. Having considered the matter, the Committee at its thirty-third session, agreed, that in the future non-governmental organizations which request observer status with the Committee should have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and should, as part of their programmes, be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Committee.

3. While the Committee's decision did not specifically include the elements referred to in 2(c) above, it has been the practice of the Committee, since its



decision in 1990, to have before it the constitution or statutes of the organization or entity requesting observer status.

4. On 10 May 2010 the Office for Outer Space Affairs received an application for observer status with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space from the Association of Remote Sensing Centers in the Arab World. The related correspondence and documentation received from the Association is attached to this document for consideration by the Committee.

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اتحاد مجالس  
البحث العلمي العربية



رابطة مراكز الاستشعار  
عن بعد في الوطن العربي

Federation Of Arab Scientific Research Councils

Association Of Arab Remote Sensing Centers

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Dear Ms. Othman

I am honored and pleased, on behalf of the Association of Remote Sensing Centers in the Arab World, to present best compliments to Office for Outer Space Affairs and to distinguished members of the Committee On Peaceful Use of Outer Space (COPUOS), and would like to express my desire to have our association join COPUOS as an observer.

The accession of our association will help in coordination between COPUOS and the Arab countries in the field of remote sensing and space science we also hope to have links with many African and Asian countries.

During the short period since its inception, our Association has accomplished many scientific activities in the area of specialization; activities like training courses, seminars and international scientific conferences

Our association has acted as the coordinator and supervisor for important projects using Remote Sensing technology implemented jointly by some Arab countries. At the time, as we are to continue in this and other scientific activities, we hope, when we become an observer member at COPUOS, to participate in the programs of the Scientific Committee of COPUOS at the level of Training and holding seminars and conferences.

Looking forward to see a positive action by COPUOS, I remain

Yours Sincerely

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## **The Association of Centers of Remote Sensing in the Arab world**

### **Establishment**

The Association of Centers of Remote Sensing in the Arab world was founded in 2002 under the auspices of Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils. It takes the city of Tripoli in Libya as a base and the Libyan Center for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences as a focal point

### **Activities**

(1) coordination with Arab organizations and research centers whose activities are related to the area of the Association to establish a joint scientific cooperation within the framework of plans of these scientific institutions, and work with these bodies within a joint Arab framework:

- Arab Organization for Industrial Development and Mining
- Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
- Management of scientific research programs of the Arab Organization for Education and Science.
- The Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands
- Sahara and Sahel Observatory
- Regional Centre for Remote Sensing of the North African Countries.

(2) Establishment of a special web site under the name of the Association  
[www.arabeta.org](http://www.arabeta.org)

(3) A supervisory committee to oversee the scientific version of a scientific journal on behalf of the Association has been formed.

(4) Suggestion to hold training courses for those interested in technology of remote sensing and geographic information systems in the Arab countries



## Goals

The association aims to support scientific research in the field of Remote Sensing in order to achieve scientific progress in the Arab countries in remote sensing technologies and other space-related synonymous through.

- Encouraging joint Arab scientific research projects in various areas of space applications and exchange results.
- Linking the topics of scientific research in the field of specialization of the Association, particularly the of Applied topics, with development plans in the Arab countries.
- Holding Scientific meetings and training courses.
- Issuing scientific journals related to the specialization of the Association.
- Working on that Arabic should be the language of scientific research in Arab countries and seeking standardization of terminology of relevant scientific specialization of the Association.
- Encouraging development of research centers specialized in the subject area of the Association especially in the Arab countries where there are no such centers.
- Working to create specialized web sites that deals with the dissemination of information and exchange of views between specialists in this science as soon as possible.
- Accomplishment of scientific tasks entrusted by the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils in the context of the objectives of the Association

## Scientific and technical cooperation

The Association was keen to link the Arab institutions with organizations and bodies working in this framework and has signed cooperation agreements with:

- (1) Arab Federation for Technical Education, and
- (2) The African Organization for Cartography and Remote Sensing.



## النشاطات :

- 1- تم التنسيق مع المنظمات ومراكز البحث العلمي العربية التي لها علاقة باختصاصات الرابطة بهدف إقامة تعاون علمي مشترك في إطار الخطط والبرامج العلمية لهذه المؤسسات والعمل في إطار عربي مشترك مع هذه الجهات :
  - المنظمة العربية للتنمية الصناعية والتعدين
  - المنظمة العربية للتنمية الزراعية
  - إدارة برامج البحث العلمي بالمنظمة العربية للتربية والعلوم
  - المركز العربي لدراسات المناطق الجافة والأراضي القاحلة
  - مرصد الصحراء والساحل
  - المركز الجهوي للاستثمار عن بعد لدول شمال أفريقيا.
- 2- عمل موقع خاص بالرابطة تحت أسم :

[www.arabeta.org](http://www.arabeta.org)

- 3- تم تشكيل لجنة إشراف علمية تشرف على إصدار مجلة علمية محكمة متخصصة باسم الرابطة.
- 4- اقترح عمل دورات تدريبية للمهتمين بتقنية الاستثمار عن بعد ونظم المعلومات الجغرافية بأقطار الوطن العربي.

## التعاون العلمي والفني :

- حرصت الرابطة على ربط المؤسسات العربية بالمنظمات والهيئات العاملة في هذا الإطار وكذلك تم توقيع عدد من الاتفاقيات الخاصة بالتعاون مع كل من :
- 1- الاتحاد العربي للتعليم التقني .
  - 2- المنظمة الإفريقية للخرائط والاستثمار عن بعد .

- تطبيق سياسة مشتركة موكزة على الجوانب التمورية بين الأعضاء مع الأخذ في الاعتبار الوسائل والإمكانيات المتوفرة.
- تمكين الباحثين في الوطن العربي من المشاركة في تطوير العلوم وتوظيفها واستيعاب التقنية وتصنيعها بطريقة مسؤولة في الأوساط العلمية والتقنية.
- عقد اللقاءات العلمية المتخصصة دورياً وتظهِم دروس منهجية تهدف إلى استيعاب الأساليب والطرق المتطورة للبحث العلمي والعمل على التويز من انتشارها في مراكز البحث.
- تشجيع البحوث العلمية العربية المشتركة والعمل على تبادل نتائجها وتحقيق الترابط المعلوماتي بين شبكات المكتبات العلمية.
- العمل على استخدام مواقع متخصصة على شبكة المعلومات الدولية " الانترنت " للرابطة تعني بعموم المعلومات وبأدال الإراء بين المختصين في موضوعاتها بالسرعة الممكنة.
- إنجاز المهام العلمية التي يعهد لها اتحاد مجالس البحث العلمي العربية في إطار أهداف الرابطة.

## الهيكلية :

تكون رابطة مراكز الاستثمار عن بعد من :



## الهدف العام :

تهدف الرابطة إلى دعم البحث العلمي في مجال التخصص تحقيق التقدم العلمي في الدول العربية في مجال الاستثمار بعد والعلوم الراقدة والتقنيات القصصائية الأخرى ذات فة وذلك من خلال :

فأما هيكل وإطار تاسيان التعاون بين مؤسسات البحث لملمي في بلدان الوطن العربي ويسمحان بالتصارت مع مؤسسات المعائلة في البلدان الأجنبية.

عدد أهداف وأوليات البحث العلمي في مجال الاستثمار من بعد والأنظمة الراقدة والعمل على تحقيقها.

تفيداً لقرار مجلس اتحاد البحث العلمي العربية رقم 25 لسنة 2002 ف فقرة 3 الصادر في دورته العادية وأسسة والمشرون التي انعقدت بمدينة عمان خلال الفترة 19-12/2002 ف تم اعتماد الجماهيرية المظلمى مقراً بطة مراكز الاستثمار عن بعد في الوطن العربي ويكون كتر اللبي للاستثمار عن بعد وعلوم القضاء نقطة ارتكاز