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**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space**
Sixty-first session
Vienna, 20–29 June 2018

Information for participants

Opening date and place of the session

1. The sixty-first session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220, Vienna. The session will open on Wednesday, 20 June at 10 a.m. **M-Building Plenary Hall**. The subsequent meetings of the Committee will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.
2. As part of the sixty-first session of the Committee, the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment, open to all States Members of the United Nations, will be held on 20–21 June.

Registration of delegations and identification badges

3. For security reasons, conference/grounds passes are necessary for admittance to the VIC. Conference badges will be issued at the United Nations Security and Safety Section **Pass Office at Gate 1**. The Pass Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Delegations are requested to indicate, in advance, the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat.
4. Pre-printing of the badges can be arranged if Permanent Missions send their accreditations to the Office for Outer Space Affairs, email ooa@un.org by **Monday 11 June**, in electronic **word version** and providing **an email address for each of the delegates**. If this information is provided, participants would be able to upload their pictures to the system. The photos should be JPG format and the size 2 x 2 inches (5 x 5 cm).
5. Participants without a valid grounds pass are kindly asked to enter via Gate 1, where they can have their badge issued. Participants should provide an appropriate form of identification at the entrance.
6. Accredited delegations will be provided with identification badges for the period 18–29 June, covering the UNISPACE+50 symposium on 18–19 June, the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment open to all Member States on 20–21 June, and the regular session of the Committee 22–29 June. States Members of the United Nations not members of the Committee who wish to attend the regular session of the Committee 22–29 June as observers are asked to make that request in their accreditations. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving formal accreditations as soon as possible and no later than **Thursday 14 June**.



List of speakers for the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment

7. As communicated in note verbale (OOSA/2018/10 CU 2018/174(A)/OOSA/ CPLA) dated 11 May, a list of speakers for the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment 20–21 June will be drawn up in advance of the session in line with the practices of the United Nations General Assembly. A provisional list of speakers will be made available on the 2018 COPUOS web page on Thursday 14 June for information. The Office for Outer Space Affairs would therefore be grateful for delegations wishing to deliver statements during the high-level segment 20–21 June to inscribe themselves on the speakers list by communicating, as soon as possible, and preferably no later than **Thursday 14 June** at 1 p.m., the **name and rank** of their speaker to the Office for Outer Space Affairs via email: oosa@un.org.

8. Please note that the statements delivered during the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment will be limited to **5–7 minutes**.

Documents

9. The documents for the Committee will be available at the Documents Distribution Counter (pigeonholes) adjacent to M-Plenary, and on the web page of the Office: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/2018/index.html> (**case sensitive**). The Journal will set forth the daily programme and other information related to the conduct of the session.

10. In accordance with the content of the note verbale sent to Permanent Missions in Vienna, dated 12 February 1996, pre-session documents, which have already been distributed to Permanent Missions, will not be included in the set provided to all participants at the opening of the session. However, in-session documents and conference room papers will be provided to delegates at the VIC, as appropriate. Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them the copies received at the Permanent and Observer Missions and keep them throughout the session.

Copies of the statements

11. Delegates are reminded that the work of the interpreters will be greatly facilitated if the **texts of statements** can be **provided to the conference officers** in M-Plenary in advance of the delivery of the statements. At least 15 copies would be required for that purpose. Texts of statements should **not be sent to the Office for Outer Space Affairs**.

12. If delegations may wish to disseminate copies of statements and other informal papers at least 90 copies should be provided for distribution.

UNISPACE+50 symposium

13. The Office for Outer Space Affairs will organize, on 18–19 June, a dedicated UNISPACE+50 symposium for the wider space community to exchange views on the future of international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. The symposium will address the past, present and future role of space science and technology in fostering global development and cooperation. Over the two days participants will hear from a series of high-level panel discussions, including a panel with Heads of Space Agencies from a wide range of Member States.

UNISPACE+50 exhibit

14. An exhibition will be held in the rotunda of the VIC from 18–23 June. The exhibition will promote the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, the work of Member States, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the Office for Outer Space Affairs. Over 40 exhibitors from around the world will participate in the exhibition which will be open to the public on Saturday 23 June from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Postal service

15. A post office on the first floor of building C provides all regular postal services, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wireless network connection

16. There is open-access Wi-Fi coverage in the entire VIC, including inside the meeting rooms and in the delegates lounge/coffee area.

Banks

17. The Bank Austria-Creditanstalt has a branch on the first floor of building C that provides full banking services. Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Medical services

18. Medical attention is available from the clinic operated by the Joint Medical Service located at the VIC, building F, seventh floor (extension 22225 and, for emergencies 22222).

Catering services

19. A cafeteria, a restaurant and a bar are located in building F, entrance level. The restaurant (table reservation recommended, ext. 4877) is open from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cafeteria is open from 7.30 to 10 a.m. and from 11.30 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. The opening hours of the coffee corner in the cafeteria are from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. The coffee areas in the M-Building and the C-Building (C07) are open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Cocktail Lounge is located in the C-Building (C02), with opening hours from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Travel services

20. American Express Travel Services is at the disposal of participants requiring assistance with such matters as travel, sightseeing, car rental and excursions. The office is located in the corridor in building F. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Commissary privileges

21. The Pass Office, located at Gate 1, will issue commissary passes to the head of delegations.

Access to the Vienna International Centre

22. Participants arriving at the VIC by taxi are advised to get off in the side lane (Nebenfahrbahn) of Wagramerstrasse, register at Gate 1, walk across Memorial Plaza, proceed to entrance "C" and follow the signs to building "M". Participants arriving by metro (U1 line) should get off at the "Kaisermühlen/Vienna International Centre" stop, follow the signs marked "Vienna International Centre", register at Gate 1, walk across Memorial Plaza and enter building "C". There are no parking facilities for conference participants, except for Permanent Mission delegates in possession of a valid parking permit.

23. A Permanent Mission in need of a grounds pass for their driver should channel their request to the Vienna International Centre Security Coordinator and to the Vienna International Centre Security Pass Office.