

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AGENDA ITEM 8: Space and Sustainable Development

1. Thank you Mr. Chairman,
2. Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
3. Since this is our first time addressing the committee, let me congratulate you Mr. Chairman on your election and assure our delegation's full support during your chairmanship.
4. We would also like to express our gratitude to the director of the office of Outer Space Affairs Simonetta Di Pippo and the Secretariat for the excellent organization of the meeting.
5. Mr. Chairman.
6. We remain committed to actively contributing to the work of the Committee and are pleased to continue to play an active role in the sub-committees, informal discussions and at the plenary. We welcome further work related to sustainability in outer space and the role of space in supporting the sustainable development goals.
7. The United Arab Emirates view of Space and Sustainability is in three levels, the first is Space Contribution to Sustainable Development, second is Sustainability in Space Environment and third is Sustainability in Space Programs and Economy.
8. For Space Contribution to Sustainable Development, The UAE will continue to work on the development and sustainability of ambitious activities in space sciences and exploration while ensuring constant contribution to the space science community and its plans, expertise, capacities and partnerships in this area.

9. The continues efforts comes from its deep value and recognition of the essence of space and its significant impact on improving daily human lives, and its role in general as driver for socio-economic sustainable development of the country, Arab region, and the world as a whole.
10. In view of Sustainability in Space Environment, the UAE Space Agency studies the implications of space debris and in preparation of Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines which proposes measures based on international best practices and standards.
11. For sustainability in Space Programs and Economy, With a growth of national investments and activities in the field of space, and considering what the space industry witnesses from technical, economic and political developments, the UAE government aims at putting national policies and frameworks to support and regulate the space sector in the state according to what suits these international developments, and aligns with the UAE government's ambitions and higher interests that have manifested in the national agenda of the UAE vision 2021 and centennial 2071.
12. At a regional scale, the Arab Space Cooperation Group, is an initiative that was launched in 2019, is currently chaired by the UAE Space Agency. The Group aims to provide an ecosystem to develop regional skills and competencies to work on advanced projects, and sponsor initiatives and programs to prepare the next generation of space sector leaders in the region.
13. Finally, as we celebrate the golden jubilee, the UAE will continue to contemplate the values and achievements of the past in acknowledgement of the UAE Founding Fathers. The national space program is committed to creating change for the betterment of humanity while recognizing the importance of global and equal access to outer space for all countries, and in international cooperation in the development of space activities and services.
14. Thank you Mr. Chairman.