



THE OECD GLOBAL FORUM ON SPACE ECONOMICS

BACKGROUND

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), an international governmental organisation created in 1961, launched in February 2006 a *Global Forum on Space Economics*. This Forum, under the aegis of the International Futures Programme (IFP), helps agencies and governments better identify the statistical contours of the space sector and investigate its economic importance and impacts for the larger economy. The Forum builds on the results and recommendations presented in the OECD publications *Space 2030: The Future of Space Applications* (2003) and *Space 2030: Tackling Society's Challenges* (2005).

OBJECTIVES

The Forum aims to assist space-related agencies and governments by providing evidence-based analysis on the space infrastructure (evaluating data and socio-economic indicators), so that the potential of space for the larger economy is more fully realised.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants in the Forum include the British National Space Center (BNSC), Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), Canadian Space Agency (CSA), European Space Agency (ESA), Italian Space Agency (ASI), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Norwegian Space Centre (NRC), and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Other agencies and ministries from OECD and non-OECD countries can be observers and/or join. A companion Working Group, including the GEO Secretariat, is open to interested parties and representatives of the private sector during selected meetings.

ACTIVITIES

Three initial types of activities are undertaken by the Forum:

- (1) Dedicated work on statistics and economic indicators, so as to contribute with other actors to the emergence of international comparative data on the space sector and its contribution to economic activity more broadly;
- (2) Work on horizontal case studies, which are meant to explore the broad economic and social dimensions of space applications (e.g. first case study on satellites' contribution to water management); and
- (3) An annual update of the state of the sector with regards to the main OECD / IFP Space Project recommendations.

OUTPUTS

Space Forum outputs: Building blocks for understanding the space economy

- ❑ ***The Space Economy at a Glance*** (2007): first OECD statistical overview of the emerging space economy, including an innovative compilation of statistics on the space sector and its contributions to economic activity;
- ❑ ***Climate Change and Space Technologies: Case studies (fresh water, marine resources, maritime transport)*** (upcoming 2008): OECD publication which will provide findings on the socio-economic contributions that may be derived from the use of space technologies, with an extensive review of existing methodologies;
- ❑ ***The Guide to Measuring the Space Economy*** (upcoming 2008): OECD Working Paper providing methodologies for indicators that could enable all actors to build data series and comparable statistics;
- ❑ ***Report on Monitoring the Space Project Recommendations*** (2007; and upcoming 2008 report): an annual state of the sector via the prism of OECD/IFP recommendations.

TO LEARN MORE

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