



United Nations
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Welcome to the Dark & Quiet Skies Workshop

9-11 December 2025

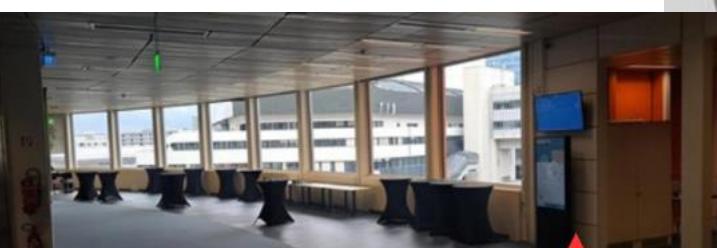


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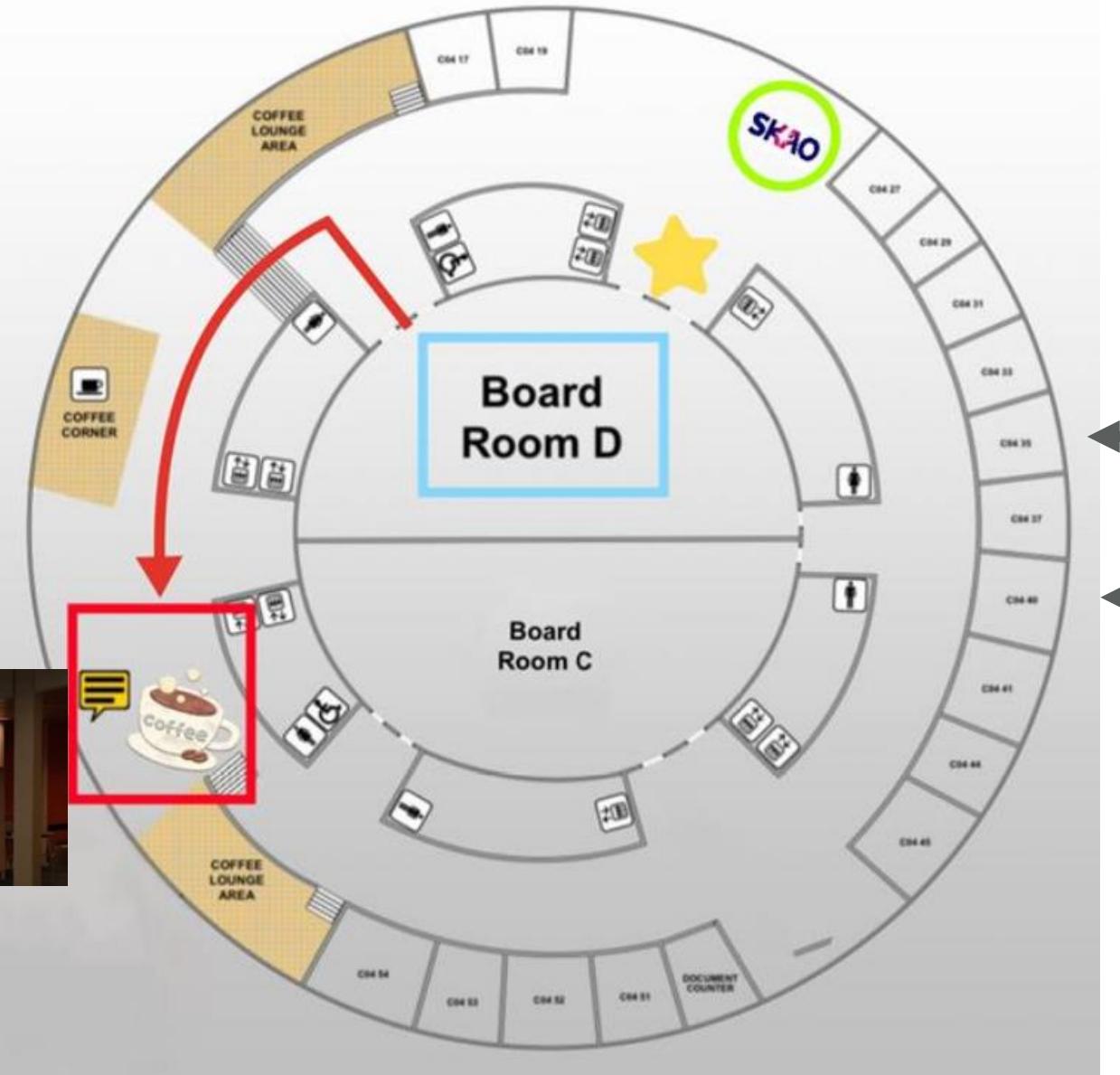
- VIC network is open, no password

Rooms

- The workshop is held in Boardroom D (= blue square on the map)
- **Coffee/tea** is served in a designated area next to the coffee corner and the elevators
 - Each morning from 9:30am
 - Afternoon break
- **Group picture** tomorrow before lunch, we meet next to the Christmas tree in the Rotunda downstairs
- **A reception** will be served tomorrow **from 18:00 in the Mozart room** (downstairs, ground floor, between the Rotunda and the main cafeteria).



C BUILDING – FOURTH FLOOR (C04)



Rooms for Friday group exercise

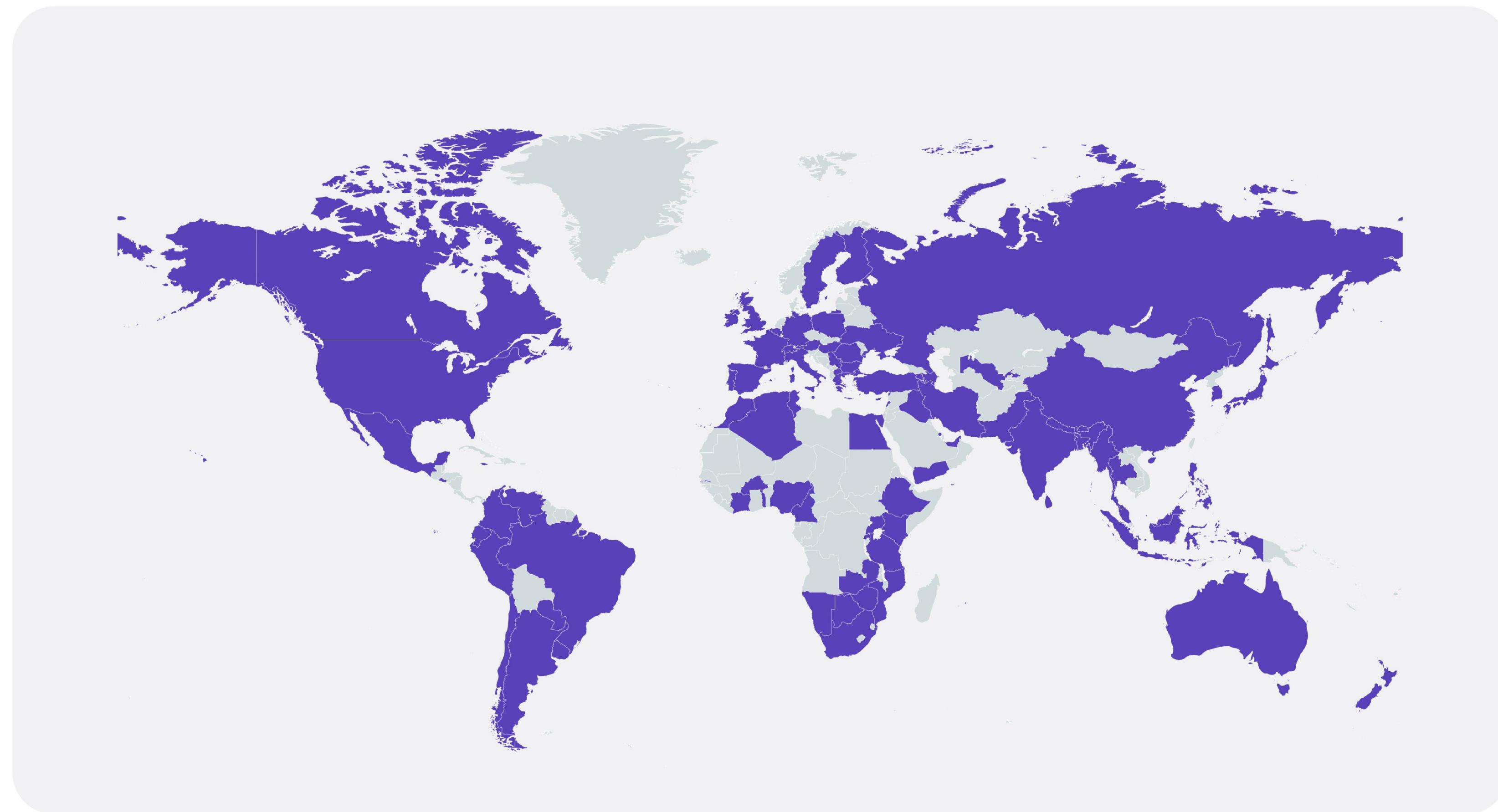
- Each group will be given a meeting place either within Boardroom D or in one of the small rooms surrounding Boardroom D (outer ring of building C)
- **Registration:** please register online (details are on Indico) or meet SKAO Legal team at SKAO corner

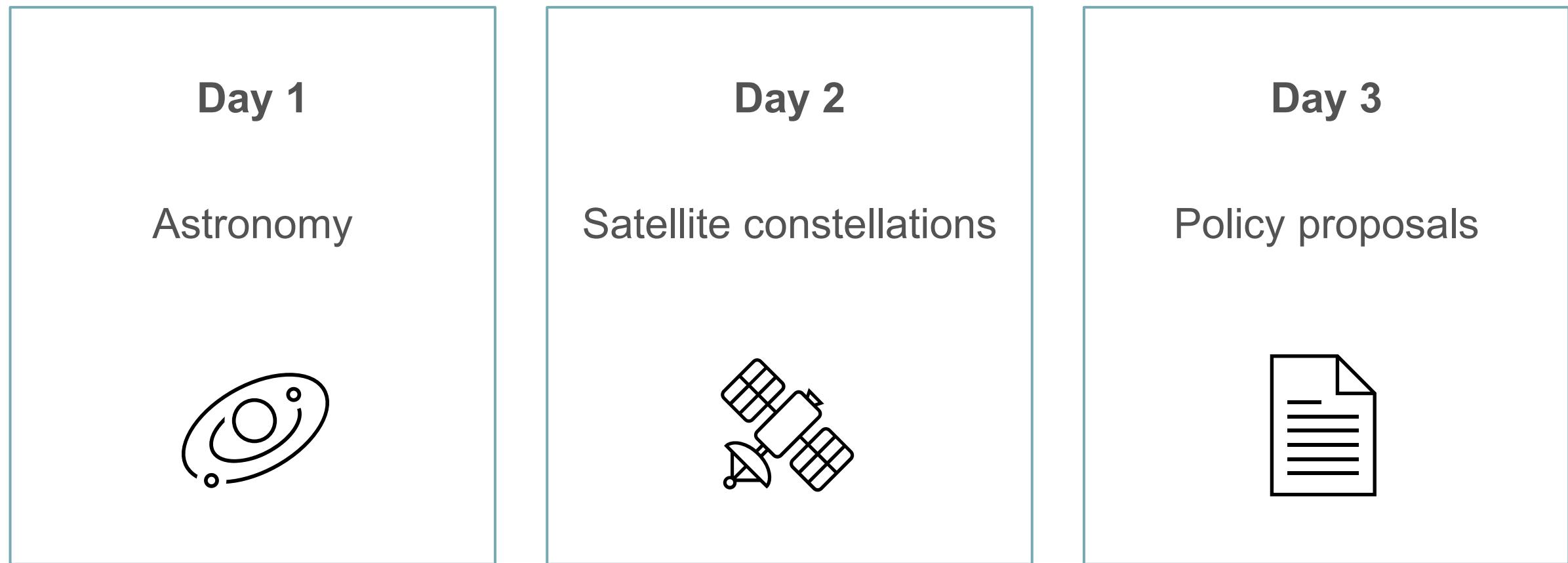
Zoom link and Presentations are all on SKAO Indico

- <https://indico.skatelescope.org/event/1307/overview>
- Email of each presenter is in their slides, please don't hesitate to contact them!



Attendees online





- All presentations and biographies of the speakers were published on SKAO Indico before the event started, to facilitate networking.

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Click on the icon top-right of each session or panel to access presentations

- The link to Indico is also on the UNOOSA webpage
<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2025/UN-SKAO-dark-and-quiet-skies-2025.html>
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#DarkAndQuietSkies for Science and Society

UN/SKAO Workshop on Dark and Quiet Skies for Science and Society 2025

VIENNA, TUESDAY 9 TO THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025
BOARD ROOM D, UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT VIENNA, VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The programme, online connection details and all presentations will be available on SKAO Indico. A live webcast will be available to listen and submit questions via chat. The workshop will be followed by a day of hands-on training on Friday 12 December. Please check this website regularly for updated information.

Important information and deadlines:

- Registration to attend online is now closed.
- Registration to attend in person is now closed.
- The call for abstracts closed on 31 August 2025 and selected speakers have been informed.
- The programme is available [here](#).
- Access the biography booklet [here](#).

INTRODUCTION

In 2024 the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) agreed to include a workshop on the impact of astronomy and large constellations on the quality of the night sky and challenges on its protection. During previous years, UNOOSA has been in close dialogue with Members of the Committee, the scientific community and the wider space community, to raise awareness of the value of dark and quiet skies.

This joint workshop will provide an overview of activities carried out by astronomers and other stakeholders to minimize the impact of satellites on the astronomical sciences. The discussion will encompass low-earth orbiting satellites crossing the field of view of optical telescopes as well as polar orbiting and geostationary satellites. The workshop will also aim to identify and encourage the development of mitigation tools. In addition, the legal and regulatory aspects of keeping the night sky dark and quiet will be discussed.

The workshop will bring together the international community of astronomers expert in this topic, stakeholders, and policy makers to discuss the impact of space activities on the astronomical sciences. The workshop will also provide a platform for the exchange of best practices in mitigation, and to identify gaps and foster the advancement of protection of the night sky.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

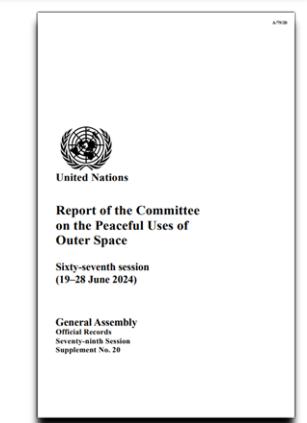
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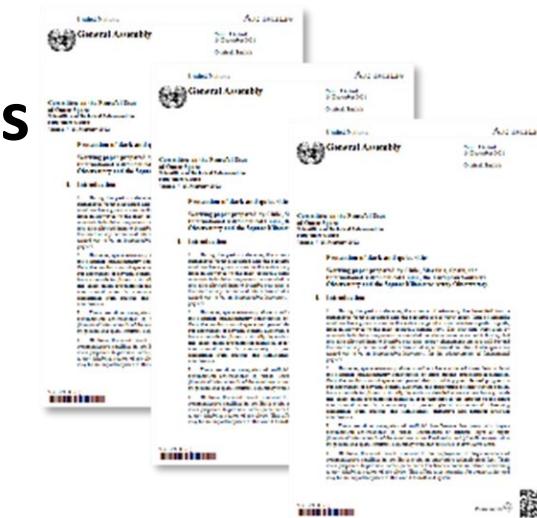
Tue 09/12	Wed 10/12	Thu 11/12	Fri 12/12	All days
09:00 - 10:00 Registration and coffee/tea	09:00 - 10:00 Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria Aarti Halle-Main, Philip Diamond	09:00 - 10:00 Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria Aarti Halle-Main, Philip Diamond	09:00 - 10:00 Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria Aarti Halle-Main, Philip Diamond	09:00 - 10:00 Boardroom D, United Nations, Vienna, Austria Aarti Halle-Main, Philip Diamond
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- Decision on
Agenda Item in
June 2024 (A/79/20)



- Mentions in Reports



Conference report
in 6 UN languages
A/AC.105/1255



Workshop report
in 6 UN languages
A/AC.105/1348
to be provided to
STSC 2-13 Feb.2026



UNOOSA as Capacity Builder

Programme
on Space
Applications

Awareness-
raising

Space4SDGs

- Online workshop
and conference
2020-2021



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Feedback form

<https://forms.office.com/e/9dhVWC5Nx7>

