



Space Law Bootcamp and Preparatory workshop on the OEWG on PAROS in all its aspects 23 and 24 June 2026 | Palais des Nations, Geneva and online

Dear Excellencies,

The international security and threat environment in outer space is rapidly changing. The outer space environment, however, is not a legal “wild west”. Instead, it is subject to a robust framework of treaties and principles that guide space activities.

In advance of the third substantive session of the Open-ended Working Group on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space in All Its Aspects (OEWG) scheduled for July, delegates from all States are invited to participate in a two-day hybrid event co-organised by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).

This hybrid course will offer Geneva and capital-based diplomats the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of general and security-specific space law, foundational concepts of outer space security, evolving threats in relation to space systems and the work of various multilateral bodies relevant to prevention of an arms race in outer space.

This event is made possible due to the generous support of the European Union.

WHEN AND WHERE: The event will take place on 23 and 24 June, in Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva and virtually. Access to Room XII is through Door A11.

PARTICIPANTS: This event is open to Geneva-based diplomats and experts from capital working on or interested in issues pertaining to space security issues.

RSVP: *In-person* attendees who require badge access should contact unoda-geneva@un.org and register via the following [link](#). If you already have badge access, you do not need to register. *Virtual* attendees please register using the following Eventbrite [link](#).

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Day 1 – June 23

13:00-13:30 | Lunch

13:30-13:40 | Opening Remarks

- James Revill – Head of Space Security and WMD Programmes, UNIDIR

13:40-15:30 CEST | Session 1: Space security concepts and evolving threats

This session will survey foundational concepts related to the prevention of an arms race in outer space as well as current and evolving threats related to space systems.

- Michael Spies – Deputy Chief of the Geneva Branch, UNODA
- Victoria Samson – Chief Director, Space Security and Stability for Secure World Foundation

15:30-15:45 CEST | Coffee Break

15:45-17:45 CEST | Session 2: Space security law

This session will address security-specific provisions in international space treaties and general international law applicable to outer space activities, including the use of force. Additionally, it will examine key initiatives and tools from security-focused fora and actors.

- Almudena Azcárate Ortega – Space Security Fellow, UNIDIR
- Laetitia Cesari – Space Security and WMD Fellow, UNIDIR

Day 2 – June 24

13:00-13:30 | Lunch

13:30-15:30 CEST | Session 3: General space law

This session will provide an overview of international space treaties, agreements, principles, and guidelines. Additionally, it will explore key legal concepts such as relevant to space activities.

- Rosanna Hoffmann – Lead for Space Law and Policy at the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
- Almudena Azcárate Ortega – Space Security Fellow, UNIDIR



15:30-15:45 CEST | Coffee Break

15:45-17:35 CEST | Session 4: Overview of non-security frameworks and processes

This session will provide an overview of international instruments and work in multilateral processes outside the field of international peace and security but relevant to the OEWG on PAROS in all its aspects, including within the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the International Telecommunications Union.

- Aarti Holla-Maini – Director, UNOOSA
- Alexandre Vallet – Chief of the Space Services Department, ITU

17:35-17:45 CEST | Closing Remarks

- H.E. Carlos Foradori – Chair-designate of the OEWG on PAROS in all its aspects, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN in Geneva