

Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) Workshop Program Buenos Aires, Argentina

*“Analysis of recommendations for the reduction of space threats and possible norms, rules and principles of responsible behavior:
Suggestions to the OEWG from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)”*

Date: August 8-10, 2023

Place:

Auditorio “William Chapman”. Sede Central de la Sindicatura General de la Nación (SIGEN). Av. Corrientes 389. Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires
Argentina

August 8

Arrival of the delegates and participants.

Ingreso al hotel Pulitzer Buenos Aires (15:00 hs.) Address: Maipú 907, C1006 CABA
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August 9

8:30 – CHECK-IN

9:00 – OPENING SESSION

Welcome and introductions

10:00 - 11:10 - SESSION 1: WHY IS SPACE SECURITY IMPORTANT FOR LAC?

Outer space is essential for humanity. All countries, regardless of their level of development, depend on space services on a daily basis. Therefore, ensuring peace and security in outer space is of utmost importance. This panel will explore the value of space infrastructure and services across the LAC region and the corresponding value of space security in the region.

COFFEE BREAK – GROUP PHOTO

11:10 - 11:25

11:30 - 12:40 SESSION 2: SPACE SECURITY: THREATS AND POTENTIAL NON-RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR

When it comes to space security, States and other stakeholders have different perspectives and priorities as to what needs to be addressed. It is necessary for everyone to know these differences and their interpretation to effectively reach a common understanding on the subject. This session will examine some issues considered key in addressing space security, such as the deliberate creation of debris, uncoordinated close approach operations, acting without due consideration, and harmful interference.

LUNCH
(12:50-13:30)

*(WALK TO “PLAZA DE MAYO”)**

13:30 - 14:30

**WEATHER PERMITTING*

14:50 - 15:50 - SESSION 3: POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ON NORMS, RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT: THE VISION OF THE LAC STATES

In this session, the President of the OEWG, Minister Hellmut Lagos, will present in detail the Working Document on item 6(c) of the agenda of the Open-Ended Working Group on Responsible Behaviors prepared under the responsibility of its president. It includes a non-exhaustive list of elements related to possible recommendations on norms, rules and principles of responsible conduct, and Workshop participants will be given the opportunity to share their vision.

COFFEE BREAK
15:50 TO 16:10

16:10 - 17:40 - SESSION 4: COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS: CHALLENGES AND VERIFICATION MEASURES.

The objective of the session will be to analyze the tools available to enforce treaties, rules and guidelines, emphasizing how to monitor their effective application, and to discuss the technical, political, and diplomatic challenges of doing so.

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August 10

09:45 - 11:15 - SESSION 5: EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AND OTHER REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS RELATING TO THREATS ARISING FROM THE BEHAVIOR OF STATES WITH RESPECT TO OUTER SPACE

This session will explore how international legal frameworks and other binding and non-binding regulations can be useful in mitigating threats from States in outer space activities, or whether gaps exist in light of current technological advances and growth of the activity of the private sector, academia and non-governmental organizations. Likewise, what it would mean to apply IHL to space will be analyzed.

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 11:30

11:30 - 13:00 SESSION 6: MULTILATERAL APPROACHES TO SPACE SECURITY AND STABILITY AND THE ROLE OF THE LAC REGION

States have different perspectives on how best to address space security issues and threats, and over the years they have introduced different initiatives that reflect these perspectives. This panel will examine these approaches and explore the points of convergence between them, while analyzing the role that States in the LAC region can play in highlighting their nature in a mutual effort and contribute to achieving a common understanding.

LUNCH

13:00 - 14:00

14:00 – 15:00 - SESSION 7: GROUP DEBATE ON THE NORMS, RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR THAT THE LAC WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE OEWG, AND ON THE FUTURE OF SPACE SECURITY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PROCESS.

This session will bring together all participants in a debate in which they will reflect on the issues raised during each of the sessions and will provide them with the opportunity to highlight the issues that they consider to be priorities to address in the OEWG report that will be drafted during its fourth session, the week of August 28 to September 1 in Geneva. State representatives and invited experts are expected to make their contributions and express their opinions and points of view.

15:00 TO 15:30 CLOSING SESSION

COFFEE