



CANEUS STATEMENT

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Madame Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of CANEUS, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the several agencies of the United Nations and the UN Secretary General for their cooperation and partnership with CANEUS to help provide the unique benefits of space technology to UN Member States, in particular developing countries, to support their commitments to SDG's.

Madame Chair,

During 2019, CANEUS undertook several initiatives on space applications for SDG's in cooperation and partnership with relevant UN agencies and programmes, e.g. UN-OOSA, UN-ISDR, UN-FCCC, UN-CTAD, UN-DESA, UN Global Compact, UN-Ocean, UNSG Indigenous Communities (which I will present later today), amongst others.

Let me briefly describe and present an example of the most important initiative that CANEUS is currently undertaking, and which offers unique opportunities for UN Member States to partner and contribute to support their SDG's.

Madame Chair,

To bring the benefits of space to all nations, we have to raise the awareness and importance of space science and technology exploration and innovation to sustainable development and how it can contribute to global community's commitment to leave no one behind.

My Planet, My Future (MPMF): Space for Sustainability is a unique and historic initiative, created by CANEUS, with support from UNOOSA, under the CANEUS-UNOOSA cooperation agreement.

The proven MPMF concept consists of a walk-through exhibition that includes visuals, graphics, live models and audio visual displays, covering a mesmerising showcase of Real Case Studies from around the world contributed by UN Member States to showcase their progress and achievements on using Space Science and Technology and Innovation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The inaugural edition of MPMF exhibition was designed and showcased at the United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ) in New York from 3 July to 5 September 2018 to illustrate how space technology can be used to build sustainable and resilient societies, the theme of the 2018 UN High-level Political Forum. It was inaugurated by H.E. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General.

Madame Chair,

The success of MPMF exhibition has paved the way for "MPMF 2030" (www.mpmf2030.org) a evolving exhibit depicting newer case studies, showcase new models and displays, to cover strategic locations and occasions worldwide right up to the year 2030.

The MPMF was planned for COP 25 by UNFCCC in Chile and later held at Madrid.



Now, CANEUS in cooperation with UN-CTAD, co-hosted by the German Mission to the UN in Geneva and anchor partnership with DLR – the German Aerospace Center, and support from UNOOSA, is organizing MPMF2030 at upcoming United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development - CSTD Session to be held on March 23-27, 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The MPMF2030 will compliment the priority theme for its twenty-third CSTD session, “**Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context**”.

The MPMF2030 content will build on, however not limited, to the contributions by UN Member States to the issues paper prepared for CSTD 2020, which covers following application sectors: (https://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/CSTD2019-2020_Issues02_Space_en.pdf)

1. Food security and agriculture
2. Health applications
3. Access to telecommunications
4. Disaster risk reduction and humanitarian crises
5. Natural resource and environment management
6. Transport and Energy, and
7. Human space exploration
8. Other applications with rapid technological changes such as Artificial intelligence

Madame Chair,

I am pleased to share that while the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva has agreed as a co-host, I would like to take this opportunity to invite other UN Member States and Stakeholders, especially those countries contributing to the CSTD issues paper, to partner and contribute to this important MPMF2030 undertaking.

The MPMF2030 Exhibition at UNCTAD will be located at a prime traffic area of the Palais des Nations that all attendees and others will have to pass through on their way to and from the meeting.

The MPMF2030 exhibit includes:

- (a) graphic panels with images of real life case studies from around the world,
- (b) models and prototypes that demonstrate the space applications,
- (c) audio visuals covering video footage that will capture examples of space for the SDGs and include commentary from leaders and experts, and
- (d) souvenirs / take-away for visitors that highlight the MPMF2030 theme.

Visitors will also get an opportunity to share their ideas through interactive media.

Madam Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

MPMF2030 at UN-CTAD offers Partners a unique opportunity with high visibility amongst participants at CSTD2020 as well the wider community at the United Nations in Geneva.

The entire MPMF2030 exhibit is being planned, designed, produced, installed, managed and dismantled by CANEUS in cooperation with the staff of UNCTAD, and our implementing partner MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications of Bangalore, India.

The excitement for MPMF2030 with the UN CSTD 2020 will be remembered by all at the UNG and participants worldwide. I would therefore like to enlist your valuable help to seize on this opportunity to demonstrate your commitment by partnering and contributing to MPMF2030 at UNG.

Thank you for your kind attention.