



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the**  
**UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS**  
**and the**  
**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS**

**THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS (OOSA) AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)**

HAVING a common interest in supporting developing countries, especially through the promotion and conduct of education and training activities for the use of space-based systems and services for sustainable development;

WISHING to increase awareness of the use and applications of global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) to promote sustainable development;

WISHING to build capacity of developing countries to enable them to respond to the social, economic and technological needs of their countries by increasing training opportunities for professionals in space-related areas, in particular in the applications of GNSS and in the areas of disaster management,


NOTING that FIG has 10 Commissions whose members are international experts and specialists, from more than 100 countries, addressing topics relevant to OOSA's objectives, and that OOSA and FIG have interest in facilitating exchange programmes between international institutes;


HEREBY AGREE as follows:

1. To jointly collaborate particularly through the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (UNPSA) of OOSA in the promotion and conduct of activities that are of mutual interest and take into consideration the limited resources available to each organization to conduct its activities;
2. To coordinate, to the extent feasible, schedules, events, topics and/or specialist needs in pre-planning related activities;
3. To jointly identify relevant high-quality specialists and lecturers for United Nations led events (particularly UNPSA activities and special lectures at the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and in particular, its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee);

4. To jointly seek opportunities for OOSA activities to be organized within the framework of UNPSA and to be included in the quadrennial FIG Congress and in relevant annual FIG Working Week and Regional Conferences activities;
5. To utilize, when appropriate, the scientific technological expertise of FIG through reviews, evaluations or recommendations on matters relating to the use and applications of GNSS, disaster management and the management of natural resources, in particular land resources;
6. To facilitate and initiate, to the extent feasible, opportunities for education, research and training, including fellowships, grants and awards, in space-related areas of mutual interest, such as the use and applications of GNSS and the use of space technologies for disaster management and the management of natural resources, in particular land resources;
7. That this Memorandum will not of itself give rise to any financial implications for the United Nations or for FIG;
8. That this Memorandum may be modified or amended by written agreement between OOSA and FIG respectively;
9. That this Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representative of OOSA and FIG and may be terminated by either OOSA or FIG by written notification to the other party six months in advance of the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004.

  
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