

Principles of APRSAF

The APRSAF Task Force, at its first meeting, held on 27 February 2012, agreed upon the set of principles of APRSAF as amended at its second meeting, held on 28 and 29 August 2012 and at the second meeting of the APRSAF Executive Committee, held on 22 May 2013 as below.

“APRSAF should be a forum for implementing space agencies to carry out collaborative activities based on the following principles.

1. Goal

APRSAF aims to promote and expand peaceful uses of space activities and their applications for socio-economic development in Asia and the Pacific.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of APRSAF are to:

- i) Provide a forum where agencies involved in space science, technology and its applications and international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region gather to exchange views, opinions and information on space programs, space resources and applications of space science and technology;
- ii) Identify and undertake measures to contribute to the sustainable socio-economic development in the Asia-Pacific region and the preservation of the environment through space technology and its applications;
- iii) Promote and expand mutually beneficial cooperation among space research and development agencies, providers of space-based services and products as well as users in the Asia-Pacific region in the priority areas of common interest, bearing also in mind the possibilities of cooperation with space-related entities outside the region.

3. Approach

In order to attain its goal and objectives, APRSAF takes the following approaches:

- i) APRSAF provides an open and flexible framework for cooperation;
- ii) Participation in the activities of APRSAF is on a voluntary basis;
- iii) Projects launched by APRSAF address issues of common interest in the Asia-Pacific region and are implemented through concrete actions.

4. Participation

1. Participation in the meetings and other activities of APRSAF is open to agencies involved in space science, technology and its applications and governmental bodies, as well as companies, universities and research institutes in the region of Asia and the Pacific and international organizations.

2. Agencies involved in space science, technology and its applications and organizations based outside the region that support the objectives of APRSAF may also participate in APRSAF meetings and activities.”

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