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# Global Solutions for the Challenges of Sustainable Development in Societies at Risk

26-28 May 2015, Bonn, Germany

# Preliminary Agenda

# TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2015

Time	Activity	Remarks/Speakers
08:00 - 09:00	Registration of Participants	
09:00 - 10:15	Welcome and keynotes	Johann-Dietrich Wörner, Chairman, German Aerospace Center (DLR), Simonetta Di Pippo, Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA) High level representatives from BMWi, Germany
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break and Group Photo	
10:45 - 12:00	High level opening panel	Setting the agenda on the use of Earth observation High level representatives invited from: SWF (USA), BMZ (Germany), AA (Germany), UNISDR, UNFCCC, ASI (Italy)
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break, incl. VIP lunch	
14:00 - 14:30	Special Talk	ESA astronaut: "The view from Space: Challenges in protecting Earth" (t.b.c.)

## Session 1: The post2015 framework on disaster risk reduction: Opportunities for Earth observation

*How can Space-based information effectively contribute to the post2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and what are the expectations and needs of decision makers?*

14:30 - 15:40	Session 1: Plenary Presentations	Outcomes from WCDRR and perspectives from the Earth observation and end-user communities
15:40 - 16:10	Coffee Break	
16:10 - 18:00	Session 1: Working groups	
18:30	Icebreaker hosted by DLR	

# WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2015

Time	Activity	Remarks/Speakers
09:00 - 09:30	Session 1: Working group presentations	
<b>Session 2: Current capabilities and future potentials of Earth observation to support climate change agreements</b> <i>How can Space-based information effectively contribute to Climate Change Agreements, especially considering adaptation as well as loss and damage and what are the expectations and needs of decision makers?</i>		
09:30 - 10:40	Session 2: Plenary Presentations	Views from the UN, the Earth observation and the development cooperation communities
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee break	
11:10 - 12:30	Session 2: Working groups	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 14:30	Session 2: Working group presentations	

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### Session 3: Global Development Agenda and national needs

*How can Space-based information effectively contribute to the forthcoming Sustainable Development Goals and what are the expectations and needs of decision makers?*

14:30 - 16:00	Session 3: Plenary Presentations	Views from the UN, the Earth observation and the end-user communities
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break	

### Session 4: Solutions to address these challenges

*How can the private and public sectors as well as the research community and the UN be involved in the use of Earth observation to address challenges in the contexts of sustainable development, climate change and disaster risk reduction?*

16:30 - 18:00	Session 4: Open discussions	Views from the private and the public sectors, the UN and research centres
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## THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2015

Time	Activity	Remarks/Speakers
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### Special session: Joint UN-Space - Bonn Conference High-Level Panel on Space-based information for development

*How can the international community promote the use of Space-based applications to address the post2015 Development Frameworks?*

09:00 – 10:30	High-level panel discussions	Views from the international community
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	

### Session 5: Enhancing resilience: The role of Space mechanisms

*How can regional and international mechanisms contribute to sustainable development?*

11:00 - 12:30	Plenary presentations	Views from mechanisms established by the Space community
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Summary and closing	
15:00 - 17:00	Extended Coffee Break: Open space for networking	