



UN-SPIDER

SpaceAid

What does UN-SPIDER do?

UN-SPIDER ensures that all countries and international and regional organizations have access to and develop the capacity to use all types of space-based information to support the full disaster management cycle. UN-SPIDER is achieving this by being a gateway to space information for disaster management support; serving as a bridge to interlink the disaster management and space communities; and being a facilitator of capacity-building and institutional strengthening.

How can SpaceAid be triggered?

SpaceAid support can be accessed by the UN-SPIDER National Focal Points (NFP), UN-SPIDER Regional Support Offices (RSO) and UN organizations. UN-SPIDER is working on bringing in local partners as well. Authorized government agencies and major international and regional organizations will also have access to SpaceAid as procedures develop. Users can request the support through a hotline that can be accessed through telephone, e-mail or fax. A central coordination unit coordinates and follows-up on all requests. This framework is operational on a 24 hours a day/7 days a week basis in order to respond timely to a disaster.

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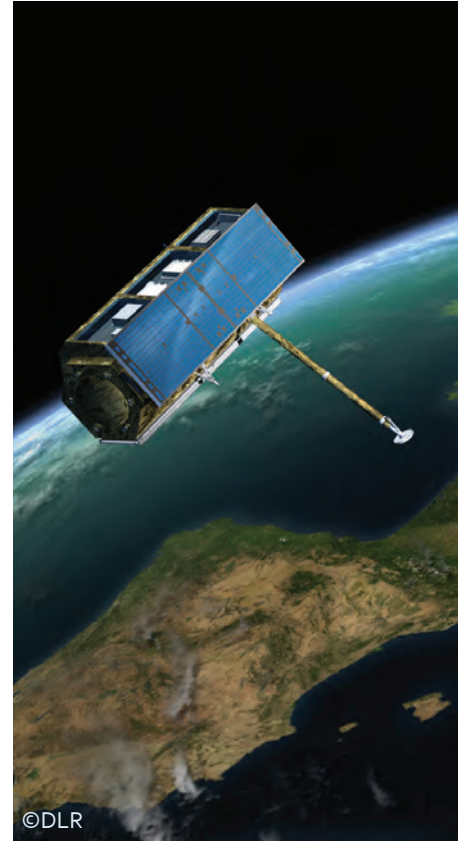
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What is SpaceAid?

SpaceAid is UN-SPIDER's framework to facilitate fast and efficient access to space-based information for countries, international and regional organizations. This includes all types of information provided by earth observation satellites, communication satellites and global navigation satellite systems.

How does the SpaceAid mechanism work?

1. UN-SPIDER receives a request for support from a NFP, a RSO, or an UN agency. Users indicate their needs in consultation with UN-SPIDER experts.
2. UN-SPIDER forwards the request to all partners of the framework. The providers select products they will give on a voluntary basis. All partners have the opportunity to contribute to any request. All opportunities to obtain imagery and other data free of charge will be exploited. Once the required technology becomes functional (now under development), SpaceAid will also be in a position to automatically task multiple satellites according to the needs of requesting users.
3. Partners inform on the Knowledge Portal about their intended contribution to avoid duplication of efforts, and to allow end users to have quick access to what is being prepared.



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How can commercial imagery be financed?

UN-SPIDER aims to establish a SpaceAid imagery fund. UN-SPIDER intends to pool financial resources to make available high-resolution images and other information in the event of a disaster, to all interested users and with no license restrictions.

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