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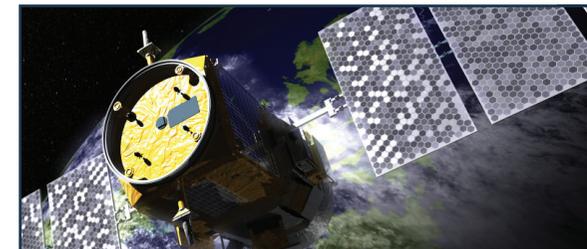
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## Why space technology?

During a disaster, situational awareness can mean the difference between life and death. Satellites provide reliable and rapid communication, observation and positioning tools, especially when crucial on-the-ground infrastructure is damaged. Risk assessment, disaster mitigation and prevention also benefit greatly from space-based data.

## Why UN-SPIDER?

The world of disaster management and space-based technologies is complex. Knowledge and expertise are dispersed. UN-SPIDER is a platform through which institutions and practitioners can come together to access and use available knowledge and expertise.

## What is UN-SPIDER?

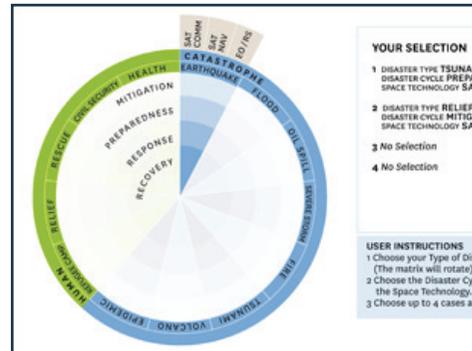
UN-SPIDER is a platform which facilitates the use of space-based technologies for disaster management and emergency response. The United Nations General Assembly established UN-SPIDER in 2006 as a programme of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), with the following mission statement:

*"Ensure 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."*



## Knowledge Portal

The UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal is a web-based tool for information, communication and process support. Users can find and share guides, contact data, news and case studies through the portal.



The Knowledge Portal's dynamic matrix enables rapid information access.

## UN-SPIDER Activities

### Technical Advisory Support

UN-SPIDER provides support to countries in assessing national capacity and in evaluating disaster and risk reduction activities, policies and plans with regard to the use of space-based technologies.

...and many more

### Fostering cooperation

UN-SPIDER bridges the gap between the space and disaster management communities. UN-SPIDER fosters alliances and creates forums where both communities can meet.



### Capacity-building

UN-SPIDER facilitates capacity-building and institutional strengthening, including the development of curricula and an e-learning platform (e-SPIDER).

