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The Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) is a global non-governmental organisation and network which aims to represent university students and young space professionals to the United Nations, space agencies, industry and academia. We are a network of over 10,000 members and alumni from 110 countries.

SGAC has Permanent Observer status in the United Nations Committee for Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) taking part in the annual meeting, as well as its Legal and Scientific and Technical Subcommittees.

SGAC has active project groups ranging from Commercial Space, Space Law, Near Earth Objects, Small Satellites, and Space Technologies for Disaster Management. Members shape key topics on space through technical papers, policy briefs and recommendations.

The organisation hosts a number of competitions and projects to enable young professionals and university students to submit their work and ideas, and are given the chance to present their work at space conferences.

SGAC organises global events around the world. The Space Generation Congress (SGC) is held in conjunction with the IAC. The Space Generation Fusion Forum (SGFF) is held every March. Regionally, Space Generation Workshops are held annually. The inaugural AFSGW was held in Nigeria in 2017. Locally, SGAC National Points of Contacts (NPoCs) work closely with academic



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institutions and other stakeholders and hold local SGAC events such as Yuri's Night and Asteroid Day.

Two days ago, the world marked the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Africa, like all the other regions in the world is faced by the underrepresentation of women in scientific and technological disciplines. SGAC wishes to thank the organizers of this forum for recognizing the role of African youth in the Continent's quest towards becoming the next frontier in space.