

**Mr. President of the Second International Space Forum Gentlemen,
heads of space agencies and bodies of the African continent and the world,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is my honor to participate with you in the second Space Forum in Africa, which is being held in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.. Which has a great significance for the status of the African countries from the global space and their interest in space technology and its applications to serve humanity at the local, regional and international levels.

This meeting comes within the framework of implementing the objectives of the plan on science, technology and innovation, maximizing the use of resources, building human capital and empowering young African innovators.. Leading to a knowledge economy and green growth.

It is my honor to convey to you the congratulations of the Egyptian Government - represented by His Excellency the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research - on this forum, which will discuss topics related to space technology and its importance to the African continent, Which will have a positive impact on the peoples of the African continent to achieve the joint agenda of Africa 2063 and achieve its six goals namely to Reduce poverty.. To prevent the spread of diseases.. To communicate.. To Maintain the African outer space.. To build

the community.. And to create wealth .. For improving the Social and economic situation and Leading to a better future for the people of Africa.

It is essential that all African countries participate in a unified ideology and fabric ... to achieve this long-term agenda ... to achieve this development agenda for Africa. Egypt is part of this fabric ... and strives to extend the hand of participation and aid to all African countries..To build a knowledge economy based on science and technology, especially in space technology. In this context, it is my honor to convey to you that the Arab Republic of Egypt has been interested in space science and technology for the service of society since 1970, where a center for remote sensing was opened, which evolved into a national Authority " The National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Science” , which have acquired many potential, including a ground station for receiving international satellites and laboratories of design in addition to the excellent scientific and technical human base .

Egypt also launched a series of satellites for communications, radio and television broadcasting as well as remote sensing satellites.

Egypt was able to build its own capabilities in space science and technology and relied on partnerships with many parties that contributed and contribute to the advancement of Egypt's technical and technological power.

Egypt has participated in all space activities in the African continent and has played an active role with the African countries and the African Union in the preparation of the space policy and strategy in Africa and will actively contribute to implementing these policies and strategies on the ground through technical and financial contributions to advance the development of space technology in the African continent and to support the African Development Plan 2063.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate the people of Africa on the adoption of the institutional and legal framework of the African Space Agency adopted at the African Summit of 28-29 January 2018. From this platform, I also call on all parties to cooperate and support the implementation of this policy to promote the African continent and achieve social and economic renaissance.

I would also like to point out here that the African Space Agency will be the legal umbrella to unify all African efforts in space science and technology to support human capacity building, support the African Space Generation Youth, build the infrastructure of space technologies and support the production of space technology products and services that contribute the development of the African continent and the improvement of the economic and social situation of the peoples of the African continent.



Ultimately, I would like to thank those responsible for preparing this meeting, and if it were not for them, this meeting wouldn't be possible and I wish you a successful meeting for the benefit of the peoples of the African continent and the peoples the world over.

