

The Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC)

The Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) is a non-governmental organisation which aims to represent students and young space professionals (broadly in the age range of 18 – 35) to the United Nations, space agencies, industry, and academia.

Having been created in the United Nations environment (UNISPACE III), the SGAC's work with the UN, particularly the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN COPUOS), is of central importance. The SGAC works to give regular input to the work of the Committee and its delegates and serves as a conduit for the opinions of SGAC members and their projects. The SGAC partakes in a variety of UN Action Teams and Working Groups on space issues, as well as the UN Programme on Space Applications. No other space organisation for young adults has a Permanent Observer status with COPUOS and is as active or as engaged in the work of the UN as SGAC.

Headquartered in Vienna, the SGAC Executive Council is made up of representatives from each of the 6 UN regions, and has a larger body of representatives from nation states. In addition to policy advice, SGAC members carry out a range of initiatives including Under African Skies (a grass-roots science teaching outreach project in Africa), Yuri's Night (a World Space Party), and a Global Space Education Curriculum. Currently, the SGAC is working on seven projects that range from the SGAC Group on Space Technologies for Disaster Management, to the YGNSS project, a group promoting cooperation and education in global navigation satellite systems. The SGAC works with members to generate new ideas for projects and with sponsors who are interested in the viewpoint of the next generation of space leaders.

Conferences are held, which from the perspective of the individual delegates, many of whom come from developing countries, is a chance to interact and engage with the incoming generation of space professionals from all over the world. Financial resources are also provided to allow members to participate in global events.

Go to www.spacegeneration.org today and join for free. Try out SpaceBook and connect with thousands of space enthusiasts around the globe. Learn about upcoming opportunities, scholarships and conferences, such as the Space Generation Congress to be held in Israel from 8 – 10 October, 2015, prior to the 66th International Astronautical Congress.