

Council Committees and their Mandates

- **Policy and Legal Committee:** The mandate of this committee is to deal with matters requiring legal expertise, to provide inputs requiring such expertise in domestic and international bilateral or multilateral activities involving SACSA, and to assist the council in licensing and regulatory matters.
- **Scientific and Technical Committee:** The mandate of this committee is to deal with matters requiring scientific and technical expertise and to provide inputs requiring such expertise in domestic and international bilateral or multilateral activities involving SACSA.

Council Composition

- Individuals are appointed by the Minister of Trade and Industry based on their knowledge and experience in matters related to the objectives of the council.
- Councillors are drawn from government departments and entities, research institutions and the private sector.

Registration of Space Objects

- SACSA established a national register for space objects, in conformity with the Registration Convention, which South Africa ratified in 2011. The register lists all South African satellites launched into outer space.
- The register was officially activated by the Minister of Trade and Industry in July 2011 and is accessible online at www.sacsa.gov.za/registry/

Review of the Space Affairs Legislation

The council is supporting the dti in reviewing the space legislation to take into consideration the new domestic needs and changes as well as the taking into cognisance of international obligations.

SACSA Website – www.sacsa.gov.za

- The SACSA website provides a resource for the public to familiarise themselves with governance of space activities in South Africa.
- The website contains information on legislation and policy, reports of SACSA's activities, statements delivered at international space conferences and the national registry of space objects. The website also supports the internal work of the council by serving as a secure document portal for SACSA councillors.

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SPACE AFFAIRS (SACSA)

The Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**) is charged with the responsibility to regulate space affairs in South Africa. The Space Affairs Act No. 84 of 1993 (the Act) provides for the establishment of SACSA to advise the Minister of Trade and Industry on the country's national space activities.

SACSA is mandated to oversee the implementation of the National Space Policy of South Africa resulting from developments, to license all space activities and ensure that these activities are carried out in compliance with the requirements of international treaties that South Africa is party to. **the dti** is mandated to provide the secretariat services and resources necessary for SACSA to carry out its mandate.

Objectives of SACSA

- To advise the Minister of Trade and Industry on the development of a general policy to ensure that South Africa complies with the obligations arising out of international treaties on space and the development and transfer of dual-use technology.
- SACSA achieves these objectives by regulating national space activities through the licensing and supervision of entities involved in space matters.
- SACSA maintains a registry of all South African space objects and is establishing a registry of all entities involved in space activities to assist in the development of the space industry.

Strategic Objectives

- To strengthen the development and coordination of the South African space arena.
- To support stimulation and development of a competitive and sustainable domestic space industry through sustainable and conducive regulations.
- To strengthen South Africa's international cooperation

in space activities for mutually beneficial and peaceful purposes.

- To ensure maintenance and adherence to the international obligations that South Africa is party to.

Legislative Mandate

- The activities of SACSA are governed by the Space Affairs Act No.84 of 1993, as amended in 1995. This legislation mandates SACSA "to manage and control certain space affairs in the Republic".
- In terms of the Act, SACSA is the component body responsible to authorise, register and supervise the space activities of all governmental and non-governmental entities in South Africa.
- Space activities, according to the Act, are defined to include activities carried out within the territory of South Africa relating to the launch of a spacecraft into outer space and the operation of a spacecraft in outer space.
- The regulatory mandate for SACSA is derived from obligations under international treaties governing the activities of states in outer space.
- These treaties were developed to safeguard the right of all states to conduct peaceful activities in outer space and to ensure the safe and orderly conduct of space activities.
- In terms of the Outer Space Treaty, states bear the international responsibility and liability for all space activities conducted by a country, whether conducted by governmental or non-governmental entities.
- As the custodian of this international responsibility on behalf of South Africa, SACSA seeks to ensure that space activities are carried out in a safe manner that minimises risks to persons, property and the environment by setting conditions for licensing to ensure that international obligations are met.

International Outer Treaties Ratified by South Africa

- Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (the "Outer Space Treaty") 1967.
- Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (the "Rescue Agreement") 1968.
- Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (the "Liability Convention") 1972.
- Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (the "Registration Convention") 1976.

Operations of SACSA

- SACSA established Committees of Council to assist in the performance of its functions.
- The Act enables additional knowledgeable persons to be appointed as additional members of these council committees, which are chaired by serving councillors.

Members of the current council

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