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**4 October 2016— [World Space Week](#) is observed from the 4-10 October each year at an international level to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.□**

The dates recall the launch, on 4 October 1957, of the first artificial satellite, Sputnik I, and the entry into force, on 10 October 1967, of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

By [Resolution 54/68](#) of 6 December 1999, the General Assembly proclaimed World Space Week, stressing the importance of promoting effective means of using space technology to assist in the solution of problems of regional or global significance and of strengthening the capabilities of Member States, in particular developing countries, to use the applications of space research for economic, social and cultural development.

The theme for this year's World Space Week is "Remote Sensing – Enabling Our Future," tying directly to the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) , as images from space enhance UN efforts to promote sustainable development on Earth.



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