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NIGERIAN SPACE POLICY: A CASE OF BUILDING A STRONG SPACE FUTURE FOR THE
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Abstract

Nigeria became a major Space player in 1999, when her Space Agency, the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) was established. Since then, the country has made space research and development activities the centre-piece of her sustainable development in particular and that of Africa in general, balancing her interest with that of the region of Africa. Her approval of the National Space Policy and Programs was to create an enabling environment for space science and technology development not only for the nation itself but for the continent of Africa. This document, today, serves as a roadmap for the attainment of self-reliance for Nigeria as a Nation and by implication, for Africa as a Continent. This work focuses on Nigerian Space Policy as a case of building a strong space future for Africa. It gives a synoptic view of the Nigerian Space Sector and Projects. It then discusses the application areas of the Country's Space Policy and Programs, from the development of human resources and capacity building to the promotion of international cooperation. It further talks on the project of African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in English (ARCSSTEE), the role of NASRDA in it and its benefit to the continent of Africa. It summarizes and gives some recommendations.