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THE ROAD TO AFRICAN COLLABORATION IN SPACE, SCIENCE AND POLICY

Abstract

The scope of this paper investigates the socio economic and political issues that enhance and inhibit technological, space and general scientific advancement in African nations. In addition to high-level political factors, within Africa there are unique social, traditional and psychological factors, which come into play at a business and even political level. This paper presents research into the economic, legal and policy issues and benefits relating to space projects and collaboration within the African context, as well as identifying and assessing the major risks and changes underway. In addition, a commentary on the African Union and its strategies moving forward as they relate to space.