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CREATING SPACE ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE MALI'S DEVELOPMENT

Abstract

In Africa, some lead countries are developing their own space related capabilities and programmes, and are setting up capabilities to manage these programmes. Because of competing development priorities, most of African countries are still far from maximizing the benefits from space as an asset for its development.

Mali is a landlocked country with 60 countries in the world. Although consisting of a vast expanse of plains watered by two great rivers, Mali is exposed to drought and risk desertifying more. A new project called "Sangha", referring to the Dogon's ethni well-known for their knowledge for astronomy, has been created to make the link between space activities and Mali's development.

This paper aimed to better understand and present the potential benefits of space for development policies as well as to better understand the ambitions and expectations of Malian stakeholders.