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THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS CREATOR OF SPACE POLICIES: THE COLOMBIAN CASE

Abstract

Since the space conference of the Americas held in Cartagena in 2012, the Colombian state has tried to create a space policy to become a space faring nation. In 2006, the Colombian Space Commission was created, it was composed by 30 public entities and a private university and whose president was the Vice President of the Republic. The purpose of this commission was to create space policy and coordinate the space activities of the various ministries.

In 2010, the Commission proposed the creation of a space agency, however, as the results of the Commission were few and never really created a national space policy, the president of the republic decided not to create the Agency until having no tangible results .

To give a new impetus to the space policy, in November 2013, the Presidential program for Colombian Space development was created. This program had as main goal the creation of the Colombian space policy and had to work hand in hand with the Colombian Space Commission. Again the program had little impact and did not achieve its objectives and disappeared.

After 2014, the new Vice president of the Republic considered that the space topic was not a priority and it was decided that the commission would be chaired by the Secretary of the presidency. However, since the date, the Commission has no real president or true functioning.

Noting that 11 years have passed and no real space agency and space policy have been created and history has been chaotic, the private sector took the initiative to create a Private Space Agency, financed with Private Capital, following the example of some countries of the America region. The agency, although founded by individuals, has the participation of public entities, universities and industry in order to achieve synergies and the development of space activities. This agency aims to promote education, research, development of activities and cooperation in space.

The main goal of the Colombian space agency is to promote knowledge of the space topic in the country to make it a priority issue in the medium term.

This paper seeks to demonstrate how the private sector can create a space policy and the means that can be used for it in a country without a state space agency