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MOON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION TO LUNAR EXPLORATION AND UTILIZATION

**Abstract**

The Moon Village Association (MVA) has been created in 2017 as non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna. Its goal is the creation of a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the public interested in the development of the Moon Village. The MVA fosters cooperation for existing or planned global moon exploration programs, be they public or private initiatives. It comprises approximately 220 members from more than 40 countries and 23 Institutional members around the globe, representing a diverse array of technical, scientific, cultural and interdisciplinary fields. MVA partners with space and non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the implementation of the Moon Village and is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world. MVA is member of IAF and Observer in the United Nations COPUOS.

The paper will describe the main activities as well as future plans aimed to increase the cooperation for the Moon Exploration and Utilization by implementing the Moon Village.