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ARAB SPACE COOPERATION GROUP

Abstract

The UAE Space Agency has announced the establishment of Arab Space Cooperation Group. The Group, which aims to enhance joint Arab space-related activities, ASCG was established in March 2019 on the sidelines of the second edition of the Global Space Congress in Abu Dhabi and under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum – UAE Vice President, UAE Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler. The Arab Space Cooperation Group is an initiative launched by the UAE and is currently chaired by the UAE Space Agency. The Group aims to provide an ecosystem to develop regional skills and competencies to work on advanced projects and sponsor initiatives and programs to prepare the next generation of space sector leaders in the region. The Joint satellite will be developed by Arab engineers at the state-of-the-art facilities at the National Space Science and Technology Center at the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain. Satellite 813 is a call from the UAE to Arab countries to consolidate their efforts and reclaim Arab pioneering status in space sciences. Strategic goals: 1. Encouraging and activating Arab space cooperation in all space activities with common goals. 2. Achieving harmony in organizational practices between space or scientific institutions by exchanging information and striving whenever possible to unify it. 3. Coordinating the positions of the group members whenever possible to adopt a unified opinion in regional and international forums related to space within the limits of the functions and tasks assigned to the group and in coordination with the General Secretariat and the presidency of the group. 4. Preparation for future space cooperation in the field of space between governments of Arab countries. 5. Encouraging research and studies related to space and contributing to the spread of space culture in Arab societies.