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## KOREA'S PARTICIPATION IN SPACE4WOMEN: A WIN-WIN STRATEGY FOR A UN PROJECT AND A LOCAL INITIATIVE

## Abstract

Promotion of gender equality in space activities is one of the objectives of "Space 2030" Agenda. UNOOSA's Space4Women project directly addresses this objective. Since the first UN Expert Meeting on Space for Women held in 2017, UNOOSA has been organizing a series of events and activities as part of this project. This includes Space for Women Expert Meetings, Space4Women Mentor Program, and Space4Women Network. Meanwhile, in the past few years, South Korea's women in space community has been organizing grass-roots activities to promote women's participation in space at the domestic level. This includes awareness raising events, community workshop, and career mentoring program. When this local domestic activities encountered the UN's Space4Women project, new opportunities and synergies were created. This paper explains how the Korea's domestic activities to promote women's participation in space have benefited from UN's Space4Women project, and vice versa. In particular, the paper shares the lessons learned from Korea's hosting of Space for Women Expert Meeting in August 2022, and the prospects of uncoming Space for Women Global Statistical Survey to be funded by the Korean Government. By doing so, it will provide an example case of how "Space 2030" Agenda could be implemented through a win-win cooperation between UNOOSA and a COPUOS member state.