

# SPACE STAR'24

3<sup>rd</sup> Scientific Conference on SPACE  
Science, Technology, Applications & Regulation  
*INAT-Tunis, November 13-15, 2024*



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The third edition of SPACE STAR Conference will be organized at **INAT**, and it will focus on :  
“**The Role of Space Tools in Addressing the Challenges of Emerging Countries in Bridging SDG Gaps.**”  
SPACESTAR'24 will provide a platform for interdisciplinary discussions, knowledge exchange, and collaboration, aiming to advance space usage in emerging countries and beyond.

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- Space Technology and Engineering
- Space Applications and Utilization
- Space Policy, Law, and Governance

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**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**  
**Space Applications and Earth Observation**

8:00 to 8:30	<b>Registration, INAT Conference Hall</b>	
8:30 to 9:20	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Official opening: Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia / President of IRESA / INAT General Director</b>	
9:20 -9:50	<b>Conference Session (1): Water resources under the eye of satellites</b> <b>Dr Mehrez ZRIBI, OMP Director, Observatoire de Midi-Pyrénées, France</b>	
9:50 11:10	<b>Oral Communication (1): Remote Sensing and Data Processing</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair : Prof Zohra LILI CHABAANE</span>	
	EO-001	Z. KASSOUK, F. MAGHREBI, V. SIMONEAUX, A. C. BELLAKANJI, V. LEDANTEC, Z. LILI CHABAANE - INAT-Green Team-Tunisia Application of high spatial and temporal resolution remote sensing data to map cropping practices in Merguellil plain (Sentinel-2/VENμS synergy)
	EO-002	K NEILI, F TRABELSI, S JIWA, A AGHA KOUCHAK ESIM-Tunisia A Hybrid Approach to Groundwater Level Forecasting: Integrating Earth Observation and Machine Learning in the Medjerda Basin (Tunisia)
	EO-003	M BARBOUCHI, E GHARBIA, W TOUKEBRI, H BOUSNINA, M ANNABI, H BAHRI, INAT-Tunisia Mapping and predicting land use change using remote sensing data: case study of Zaghouan
EO-004	S BEN MAHMOUD, C OLFA, C MASMOUDI, A BOUCHKARA, ENIG-Tunisia Classification of Time Series Sentinel-1 Images Using Convolutional Neural Networks	
11:10 to 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 to 12:50	<b>Oral Communication (2): Earth Observation and Water Management</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair: Prof Mehdi BEN MIMOUN</span>	
	EO-005	A CHAHBI, M DRIDI, Z KASSOUK, Z LILI CHABAANE, INAT-Green Team- Tunisia Identification of flood-vulnerable areas in the Nabeul region by optical and radar remote sensing
	EO-006	S. PILIA, G. FONTANELLI, F. BARONI, S. PALOSCIA, S. PETTINATO, G. RAMAT, E. SANTI, L. SANTURRI IFAC – CNR, Italy Synergy between optical and microwave satellite data to identify agricultural vegetation parameters and soil humidity in arid zones in Tuscany (Italy)
	EO-007	M KHLIF, A CHAHBI BELLAKANJI, M J ESCORIHUELA, G S ALCALDE, Z LILI CHABAANE, INAT Green Team- Italy Early Estimation and Spatial Modeling of Cereal Yields and Water Productivity in Semi-Arid Region Using Machine Learning and Satellite-Based Drought Indices
EO-008	Y GACHAA, T ABDELLATIF, STD-MRC-Tunisia Water Loss Detection and Mapping System Using Deep Learning and Big Data	
12:50 to 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 to 14:35	<b>Conference Session (2) : Cartographie des emblavures céréalières par télédétection en Tunisie centrale et mesures d'adaptation dans la gestion de l'eau en agriculture</b> <b>Prof Zohra Lili Chabaane, President IRESA</b>	
14:35 to 15:00	<b>Conference Session (3) : EO Based on the Thermal Infrared Anisotropy Measurements : The TRISHNA MISSION</b> <b>Jean Louis ROUJEAN, Directeur de Recherche CNRS, Toulouse, France</b>	
15:00 to 16:20	<b>Oral Communication (3): Remote Sensing, Mapping and Management</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair: Prof Olfa CHARFI MARRAKCHI</span>	
	EO-009	G GRAJA, T ABDELLATIF STD-MRC-Tunisia UAV-Satellite data integration for forestry
	EO-010	W TALHAOUI, CNCT Tunisia Remote sensing for geological mapping and mineral resources inventory
	EO-011	K MANSOUR, H ABDERRAHMEN CNCT Tunisia Big geospatial data for smart and sustainable cities
EO-012	A EZZINE, CNCT Tunisia Modélisation et cartographie du risque de l'érosion hydrique par l'application des techniques géospatiales	
16:20 to 16:50	Coffee Break	
16:50 to 17:50	<b>Oral Communication (4): Remote Sensing Infrastructure and Applications</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair: Dr Zeineb KASSOUK</span>	
	EO-013	H TRABELSI, CNCT Tunisia Estimation des propriétés des sols par l'utilisation de la télédétection et les données spectroscopiques
	EO-014	H ISMAIL CNCT-Tunisia Infrastructure nationale d'information géographique (inig)
	EO-015	T SAHLI CHAHED CNCT Tunisia Rôle de la recherche et la valorisation des résultats dans le développement des techniques de télédétection dans le domaine de la gestion, protection et aménagement du territoire
EO-016	M Ali BRIKI, K BEN HOUIDI, APAL Tunisia Satellite Observation of Coastal Changes in Tunisia: Addressing Sustainable Development Challenges and Marine Biodiversity Coastal	

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**  
**Space Science and Technology**

<b>09:00 to 9:30</b>	<b>Conference Sessions (4): Leveraging the Opportunities of Satellite Navigation for the African Continental Agenda- A Priority sectors based approach,</b> <b>Dr Aicha ALOU, SatNav-Africa Joint Programme Office, Senegal</b>	
<b>9:30 to 10:30</b>	<b>Oral Communication (5): GNSS and Space Signal Instrumentation</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair: Prof. Mounir MANSOUR</span>	
	ST-001	Alex WANDA, Herbert NGAYA, SATNAV-JPO, Senegal Bridging gaps in the provision of high accuracy positioning services on the African Continent with Galileo High Accuracy Service (HAS)
	ST-002	Noha FATHY, NSST Egypt Satellite electricity transmission from space to earth
	ST-003	Faten OUAJA, RZIGA, Kamel BESBES FSM-CRMN - Tunisia Space quantum gravimetry
<b>10:30 to 10:50</b>	Coffee Break	
<b>10:50 -11:50</b>	<b>Oral Communication (6): Space Technology Nanosatellite Design and Testing</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair : Prof Kamel BESBES</span>	
	ST-004	S LAHOUAR, M MANSOUR, K. BESBES, Uei-CRMN Tunisia Low-cost thermal vacuum testing setup for CubeSats
	ST-005	M MANSOUR, S LAHOUAR, K BESBES, Uei-CRMN Tunisia Attitude Determination of a CubeSat Based on Multi-sensor Data Fusion
	ST-006	N ZELFANI, S LAHOUAR, K BESBES, Uei-CRMN Tunisia Patch antenna design for nanosatellite communication
<b>12:00 to 12:40</b>	<b>Conference Session (5) New challenges on space exploration: Lunar Environment Monitoring</b> <b>Dr Mehdi BENNA , NASA &amp; UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE, NASA, USA</b>	
<b>12:40 to 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00 -14:30</b>	<b>Conference Session (6): State of the art on transforming Space communication</b> <b>Dr Walid MATHLOUTHI, Head of the Future Networks and Spectrum Management division, ITU, Switzerland</b>	
<b>14:40 to 15:40</b>	<b>Oral Communication (7): Space Engineering development</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair : Prof. Ahmed SIALA</span>	
	ST-007	BENDJEDID R, SANOUSSI, T TCHANGOLE, O BENJELLOUN, EU Fez, Morocco The Atom: A Solution For The Fight Against Climate Change
	ST-008	S SNOUSSI, I TITOUHI, A HAMMAMI, I ALBOUCHI, CST Tunisia TUN'Sat1, Educational and space promotion program
	ST-009	S SNOUSSI, I TITOUHI, A HAMMAMI, I ALBOUCHI, CST-Tunisia CST activities in the field of Space and Astronomy
<b>16:10 to 16:30</b>	Coffee Break	
<b>16:30 to 17:30</b>	<b>Oral Communication (8): SPACE and SDG</b> <span style="float: right;">Chair : Prof. Imed Riadh FARAH</span>	
	ST-010	R BEN MOUSSA, T S.DIAS,S PALIT, S HAZRA, FLT ElManar-Tunisia Space as a Global Commons to Attain the UN Agenda 2030: An African Perspective
	ST-011	H.BALTI, A.BEN ABBES, M.RHIF, F.CHOUIKHI, M.FARAH, I.R. FARAH, MSE Tunisia SmartSDGTunisia: An AI and Remote Sensing Framework for Advancing SDG in Tunisia
	ST-012	R BEN MOUSSA, O JOUINI, FLT El Manar-Tunisia Bridging Digital Divides: Addressing Regulatory Gaps in Satellite Internet Integration for Sustainable Development in Tunisia
<b>17:30 to 18:00</b>	<b>Conference Session (7) : HERA asteroid mission for planetary defence program,</b> <b>Rania TOUKABRI, Satellite and launcher systems architect, ESA</b>	

<b>Friday, November 15, 2024</b> <b>Space Regulations and Policies, Conference Co- Chair: Prof. Refaat CHAABOUNI</b>	
<b>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SPACE</b>	
<b>09:00 to 9:20</b>	<b>Key Note 1 : AI to the Rescue: Enhancing Disaster Warnings with Tech Tools</b> Dr Bilel JAMOSSI, and Dr Monique Kuglitsch, ITU Switzerland
<b>09:20 to 9:40</b>	<b>Key Note 2: Applications of Deep Learning in Smart Agriculture</b> Dr Karem CHOKMANI, INRS University (Quebec City, Canada)
<b>9:40 to 10:30</b>	<b>Panel 1: AI Factories program and Space applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Michel BOSCO, MAMIC, Belgium, Chair</li> <li>• Prof Ferdaous CHAABANE Sup Com, Tunisia</li> <li>• Prof Imed Riadh FARAH, NESM Director, Tunisia</li> <li>• Col. Haythem ISMAIL CNCT, Tunisia</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>SPACE POLICY &amp; CHALLENGES</b>	
<b>11 :00 to 11:30</b>	<b>Key Note 3 : Space and Cooperation: A perfect match towards Sustainability</b> Dr; Francesco LONGO, Head of the Earth Observation Office, Italian Space Agency
<b>11:30 - 12: 30</b>	<b>Panel 2: A new frontier: Space policies, standards, markets and cooperation, organized by The AdWisers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tomas MATRAIA – CEO of The AdWisers Strategic Advisory Group, Chair</li> <li>• Dr.Mondher KHANFIR, Tunisia African Business Council - Tunisia</li> <li>• Dr. Aicha ALOU, SATNAV Africa, Senegal</li> <li>• Catherine VIGNERON, Cen-Cenelec, Belgium</li> <li>• Stefano BELLA TERRA, European Union Commission</li> <li>• Dr Mehdi BENNA, PLANETARY SCIENTIST, NASA, USA</li> </ul>
<b>CNEEA, Celebrating 40 Years</b>	
<b>12:30 to 12:45</b>	<b>Key note 4: CNEEA and Space Activities in Tunisia, What'next</b> Malek KOCHLEF, DG DCI MESRS
<b>12:45 to 13:00</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony: Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research</b> <b>CNEEA 40 anniversary ceremony</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Closing Lunch</b>

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