

Virtual Gender Lecture “SPACE4WOMEN - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES”

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Abstract

Space4Women is a project of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to promote women’s empowerment in space. To succeed in addressing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and work towards the 2030 Agenda, it is required to ensure that the benefits of space reach women and girls and that women and girls play an active and equal role in space science, technology, innovation, and exploration.

In 2020, UNOOSA established the Space4Women Network which is a mentoring platform that promotes gender equality and gender empowerment in the space sector. Space4Women Network Mentors are selected from leaders and professionals in the space industry and represent a variety of fields and geographic regions. Space4Women encourages women and girls to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and raises awareness about career opportunities and the importance of gender equality and empowerment in the space sector.

The lecture focuses on discussing the situation of women in STEM related careers and education (particularly space science and technology related fields) the challenges faced by them, and the role of intergovernmental organizations such as United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), in prompting and facilitating women in Space.

Biography of the speaker



Ms Aisha Jagirani is currently working as the Director General of the Department of External Relations and Legal Affairs at Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO). Ms Aisha is responsible for matters related to space law and policy, international cooperation, Member States relations, membership expansion and representation of APSCO at international level.

She has also been selected as the Mentor for United Nations Space4Women Network which is a United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) program that facilitates access to the benefits of space exploration, science and technology, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, and STEM careers for women.

Ms Aisha Jagirani has around 14 years of experience in the fields of International Cooperation in Space, Space Education & Awareness and Space Law & Policy. Before joining APSCO she was working with the Government of Pakistan, at the National Space Agency, in the capacity of General Manager (International Cooperation and Space Law). She was also the project in charge for Space Education and Awareness Program in Pakistan from 2011 to 2014.

She holds a Masters degree in Public Administration and a degree of Master of Science of Law (Space Technology Applications).

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