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# BUILDING A UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM IN SPACE TECHNOLOGY IN TUNISIA



*Country Reports*

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# TUNISIAN SPACE OFFICIAL AGENCIES

- National Commission for Outer Space Affairs.

coordinate the activities of the various ministerial departments and organizations concerned with outer space.

- National Remote Sensing Center:

multi-disciplinary group (Agronomists, Geologists, Oceanographers, Cartographers, Geographers, computer scientists) qualified in Image Processing and Geographical Information Systems and related applications.

- National Institut of Meteorolgy

To consolidate the development potential in space technology and Tunisian governmental space program

- We try to build a New **Tunisian University Network** to develop learning and training in space engineering

In regard to Japan-Unisec experience .....

# TUNISIAN UNIVERSITIES

- 11 millions population
- 13 universities
- 22400 Teachers
- 340 000 students
- 1/3 in Fundamental sciences, engineering, Informatics, multimedia,...



**New opportunities**

**Space technology is an attractive discipline  
when it becomes available**

# HOW TO UNITE MULTIDISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES FOR SPACE .....

## Basic approaches:

- Offer and Respond to new creative and innovative ideas related to National and regional needs
- Integer new standards and increase performance
- New technological solutions Development and improvement in Technologies
  - Decrease Mass, Volume, altitude, cost ...
  - Construction/Materials
  - Propulsion
  - Optics
  - Microelectronics
  - Micromechanics
  - Communication
  - Navigation
  - Computer Technology (Space & Ground Segments)
  - Specific Applications



University Space Engineering Consortium **TUNISIA**

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**Mission projects  
& Ground station**

**UAV, Recognition  
Embedded systems**

**University  
Consortium**

**Sat Design  
Power Systems**

**Antennas, RF  
communication**



**University  
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**University  
of Tunis El  
Manar**  
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# CHARTER UNISEC TUNISIA CONSORTIUM



Is a nonprofit organization

Formed to support, in Tunisian universities and its environment, the development activities of promotion, education and research in space science and technology.

The consortium aims to compose **a network of excellence** to bring together the **human, financial, material** to raise the level of international attractiveness of Tunisia in space science and technology.

# WHY SPACE ACTIVITIES ?



The society of tomorrow will be very related to **space activities**...

**To be or not to be ... able!**

**Our activities are basically to**

- Advise teachers, researchers, students, government, economic actors and medias
- Sensitize to Human resources development in order to:
  - Produce **future socio-economic actors**
  - **Attract industries**
  - and **new business** at the challenges of the 21st century
- **Still Open to those who wish to join us**

# WORKING GROUP ROADMAP



- **Promotion of National projects:**
  - prototypes, experiments and launch operations, imaging, Monitoring, ground station, safety methods, Cansat....
- **Working on Fundraising and Project Support:**
  - design satellites, water monitoring, ground station, devices and antennas ..
- **Promotion of the alliance:**
  - Research-Education-Business-Industry-Government-Agencies
- **Organization of events:**
  - conferences, competitions, calls for mobilizing actors collaboration
- **Federation and dissemination:**
  - Training supports and academic activities in the field.
- **Promotion of International Cooperation:**
  - (IAA, UNOOSA, BSTI, UNISEC, other organization and universities...)



# OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN :

[1] UN Symposium on Small Satellite Programmes for Sustainable Development: “**Payloads for Small Satellite Programmes**”, 21-24 September 2010, Graz, Austria

[2] UN Symposium on Small Satellite Programmes for Sustainable Development : “**Implementing Small Satellite Programmes: Technical, Managerial, Regulatory and Legal Issues**“ 13-16 September 2011, Graz, Austria

[3] UN/4<sup>th</sup> **Japan Nano-Satellite Symposium, Paradigm Shift Changing Architecture Technologies and Players**, Nagoya, Japan, 10-13 October 2012, and 2nd Mission Idea Contest (MIC2)

[4] 6th International Conference on Recent Advances in Space Technology, **New Ways of Accessing Space for the Benefits of Society**, 12-14 June 2013, Istanbul Turkey

[5] United Nations / United Arab Emirates **Symposium on Basic Space Technology “Small Satellite Missions for Developing Space Nations”** Dubai, EIAST, UAE October 2013

[6] 5<sup>th</sup> **Japan Nano-Satellite Symposium, Missions and Enabling Technologies Towards**, Tokyo, Japan, 20-22 November 2013, **Future** and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mission Idea Contest (MIC3)



# WE ARE NOW ACTOR IN SMALL SATELLITE PROGRAMS:

- ▣ Mic 2 and Mic 3 Maghreb coordinator (2012-2013)



- ▣ Organise: *1<sup>st</sup> MIC-ST Monastir –Tunisia April, 10-11-12, 2012*

- ▣ The 1<sup>st</sup> Maghreb International Courses in Spatial Technology, -

- ▣ IAA: Proposal for Forming an IAA Study Group (2013)

- ▣ Title of Study: Review and perspective on the use of spatial networks for the development of the information society in africa

- ▣ Proposer(s): Dr. Mustapha MASMOUDI, Secretary: Kamel BESBES

- ▣ WLM- Water Level monitoring - International Group

- ▣ We try to contribute to Humsat, GENSO standardization programs

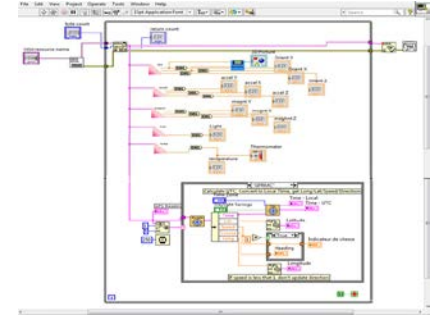
- ▣ Develop international network

# CURRENT PROJECTS 1



## University of Monastir :

- **Developping small satellite capabilities**
  - Design and Validation of Small Satellite Ground Station
  - Smartphone based small satellite prospection
  - Small satellite communication protocol optimization
  - RF-small Satellite circuits design
  - Synthetic vision with small satellite network
- **Real-time Monitoring and analysis of water level and quality via satellite**
  - Automatic Remote Sensing Image Descriptor for Urban Evolution and Flood Detection
  - Building a multisensor beacon GPS positionned for Space water control
  - Development of a positioning technics by multi-sensors fusion system



## University of Sousse :

- **Intelligent methods development for intuitive image recognition and dynamic positioning**

# Current projects 2



## University of Sfax :

- **Design and Prototype devices and subsystems :**
  - Multi-Microstrip Antennas Network Fuzzy Controlled
  - Contribution in the study and design of intelligent Cube sat
  - Image Capturing and Processing System for PicoSatellite
  - Ultra low power consumption DHB and intelligent Subsystem Development



## University of Tunis :

- **Optimizing communication and antennas:**
  - Development of planar Antennas for L-band (meteo Satellite)
  - RF circuits, frequency converter and amplifiers



# SPACE TECHNOLOGY COURSES



## University of Monastir

- Based knowledge in space physics and technologies
- Satellite Telecommunication
- Global Positioning Systems
- Signal and image processing
- Small satellite design



## University of Tunis

- Space communication systems
- Smart antennas design



## University of Sfax:

- History of Space Flight
- Small educational satellites design
- Space communication techniques
- New remote sensing technologies and applications
- Space Law and contribution to peace and security
- I-SAT: Intelligent Satellite (ERPSat-1)



## University of Sousse

- Embedded Systems for Autonomous Aerial Vehicles
- Image processing and recognition

# CONCLUSION



- We work to be ready for being a “space application” emerging nation
- No emergence of space interest economy without national efforts
- Challenges :
  - To develop a positive image by regional application interest
  - Start and reduce difficulties step by step
  - To work for Political and Financial support
  - Orientate some existing and new educational issues to space technology and application
  - New research subjects related to space technology

MIC Coordination



THANK YOU