

A brief report on
**The UN/Austria Symposium on
Space Science and the United Nations**
22-24 September 2014, Graz, Austria.



Discussed at this symposium were the future scope and objectives of the Basic Space Science Initiative (BSSI) under the UN Programme on Space Applications. Representatives from space science related international organizations, space agencies, and other relevant institutions participated in this meeting.

The Symposium participants mandated the Programme on Space Applications to continue the Basic Space Science Initiative beyond 2015. The presentations made at the Symposium are available in form of an archive (.zip) file from

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/act2014/graz/index.html>

In Year 2015 the *UN/Japan Workshop on Space Weather* will take place in Fukuoka, Japan, as part of the BSSI. See

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/act2015/japan/index.html>

On the basis of the discussion at the Symposium in Graz and at the forthcoming Workshop in Japan, the activities 2016 onward will be planned in close cooperation with all stakeholders. The final report of the *UN/Austria Symposium* will be released towards the end of the year and will be posted at the Graz Symposium webpage.

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