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Groundbreaking New Global Initiative Brings Together Government and Private Sector to Chart the Course for the Future of Space Enterprise

The Off-World Approach launched by The Hague Institute for Global Justice held its first assembly of the Council in September

On September 14th, the world's leading experts in space law and business convened the first meeting of a groundbreaking new global initiative aimed at developing a framework for the use of space by national governments and civil society. The [Off-World Approach](#), launched by The Hague Institute for Global Justice, will provide a regular and sustainable platform to guide the future of the space enterprise.

In recent years, growing space security and justice issues like space debris and the management of traffic in space have necessitated urgent global solutions. The [Off-World Approach](#) aims to serve as an inclusive, sustainable and nimble platform for discussion and debate around the use of space with the input of leaders representing all aspects of space enterprise, including government, the private sector, and academia. The outcomes of these discussions are intended to inform policymaking and private enterprise ventures.

The Off-World Approach is led by Sohair Salam Saber, President of the Hague Institute, and Kenneth Hodgkins, President of International Space Enterprises Consultants and former Director of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Space and Advanced Technology and is guided by a diverse Council of 17 leading experts in all aspects of space enterprise from across the globe.

"The limitless potential for space exploration brings with it the need for a new approach to global coordination and collaboration," said **Sohair Salam Saber, President of the Hague Institute for Global Justice and co-chair of The Off-World Approach**. "We're excited to launch The Off-World Approach to bring together the leading minds in space enterprise to discuss emerging issues that impact us all. We believe that in order to build a world that is peaceful, secure and just, we must ensure that space resources are utilized in an equitable manner for the benefit of all mankind. With The Hague Institute's relationships and decades of expertise, this initiative will, for the first time, bring together public and private sectors to identify nimble, inclusive and sustainable solutions to space enterprise."

"The scope and nature of the space enterprise is evolving rapidly at all levels," said **Kenneth Hodgkins, co-chair of The Off-World Approach**.

“Non-government actors need a global framework that is transparent, level, and predictable. This can only happen with a bottom-up approach that relies on the advice and experience of civil society. The Off-World Approach will serve as a platform where leading experts in space enterprise can work to develop a rule of law in space that is flexible, inclusive, and permissive for the next generation of space adventurers to excel.”

The Off-World Approach Council includes:

- [Dr. Sergio Camacho-Lara](#), Secretary General of the Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Latin America and the Caribbean, affiliated with the United Nations, and former Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- [Dr. Mazlan Othman](#), former Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and founder of Malaysia’s National Space Agency (ANGKASA)
- [Michael Gold](#), Executive Vice President for Civil Space and External Affairs at Redwire Space and former NASA Associate Administrator for Space Policy and Partnerships
- [Dr. Guoyu Wang](#), Chinese delegate to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) and former member of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC)
- [Dr. Setsuko AOKI](#), Professor of Law at Keio University Law School in Japan specializing in public international law especially space law, arms control and export control

To view the full Council, please click here [The Off-World Approach \(thehagueinstituteforglobaljustice.org\)](https://www.thehagueinstituteforglobaljustice.org)

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