

Perspective Blog - August 2023 Launching the Lunar Policy Handbook: Guiding Responsible and Sustainable Development of the Moon

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The Lunar Policy Handbook is a reference guidebook for government personnel and private actors in the space industry. It is designed to be a high-level guide that is useful for a broad audience of space actors, outlining policy issues and operational considerations related to lunar activities. It was recently launched on March 27th, 2023 at the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) in Vienna.

As humanity continues to explore the Moon, it is important that we do so in a responsible and sustainable manner, ensuring that we preserve this unique and valuable resource for future generations. The Moon Dialogs' mission is to produce credible, actionable mechanisms for facilitating lunar coordination, policies, norms and laws. The Moon Dialogs is a partnership between the Open Lunar Foundation, Secure World Foundation, Arizona State University, For All Moonkind, the Space Exploration Initiative (SEI) of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Space Generation Advisory Council. The handbook focuses on three main issues: firstly, it demonstrates why lunar policy matters now. As we prepare to further explore the Moon and expand our activities in space, it is essential to establish a clear roadmap of policies and guidelines that will ensure the sustainable and responsible use of these resources. Secondly, the Lunar Policy Handbook aims to illustrate how the steady development of lunar activity can foster parallel innovation in governance, coordination, and policy activity to support the continued growth of the lunar ecosystem. Finally, the Lunar Policy Handbook creates a platform to highlight important issues and catalyze the conversation on lunar development.

The Lunar Policy Handbook has the potential to play a critical role at promoting responsible and sustainable development of the lunar ecosystem. Please download a free electronic copy at the link below!

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