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MOON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL LUNAR EXPLORATION AND
UTILISATION

Abstract

The Moon Village Association (MVA) has been created in 2017 as non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Vienna. Its goal is the creation of a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the public interested in the development of the Moon Village. The MVA fosters cooperation for existing or planned global moon exploration programs, be they public or private initiatives. It comprises more than 200 individual members from 47 countries and 27 Institutional members around the globe, representing a diverse array of technical, scientific, cultural and interdisciplinary fields. MVA partners with space and non-space organizations to promote international discussions and formulation of plans to foster the implementation of the Moon Village and is creating international, national and regional networks to engage civil society around the world. MVA is member of IAF and Observer in the United Nations COPUOS. The paper will describe, the main MVA activities aimed to increase the cooperation for the Moon Exploration and Utilisation. In particular, the Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities (GEGSLA) will be presented. This group aims to define the common level playing fields for future lunar missions, this will reduce the risk of possible accidents and increasing global cooperation.