

**Communique on the Space Awareness High Level Workshop,**  
**Addis Ababa, 7th October 2017**

Recognising those present,

- His Excellency, the Ethiopian State Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Afework Kassu;
- Representative of the African Union Commission Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology Dr Tidiane Ouattara;
- Director and staff of the Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute
- Staff of Ministry of Science and Technology
- Ethiopian Biotechnology Institute
- Addis Ababa University
- Representative of Europlanet, Barbara Cavalazzi
- Project Manager of EU Space Awareness
- Director and Project Manager of the IAU Office of Astronomy for Development
- Coordinators of IAU Regional Offices of Astronomy for Development for Southern Africa, West Africa, East Africa, and the Arab World
- Members of the Ethiopian Space Science Society
- Members of the Space Generation Advisory Council
- Science teachers, students and coordinators of space-related clubs from Ethiopia
- Other distinguished individuals and stakeholders from universities and institutes in Africa and Middle East.

Recognising the purpose of this event,

- To present and share resources that have been developed by the Space Awareness Project
- To engage education stakeholders in discussion regarding these resources and establish a network of interested parties
- To determine how such resources and related training activities can be best used and expanded on the African continent

Participants of this workshop, during its closing, agreed that:

- Space outreach can stimulate the interest of African youth in science and technology in general and space careers in particular.
- Space outreach can help to stimulate capacity building in Africa.
- Space outreach and training to teachers is way to multiply the effectiveness of reaching young people.
- Space outreach to the general public is important to showcase African involvement and investment in Space.
- Space outreach can be used to promulgate a sense of global citizenship.
- The resources developed by the Space Awareness Project can be useful in different classroom settings across Africa and should be enhanced with content from Africa.
- There are numerous excellent Space-related initiatives taking place in Africa and the Middle East and these should be adequately recognized and promoted.
- Regional offices of astronomy for development will explore the localization and dissemination of Space Awareness resources in East, West and

Southern Africa, and the Arab World, coordinating regional networks of stakeholders.

- Policy makers should consider updating current school curricula and using Space Awareness resources to enhance school curricula, with involvement of appropriate stakeholders.