**Observer Agency/Organization Request**

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| **Request Date:** | 26 March 2018 |
| **Requesting Agency/Organization’s Name:** | NSO (Netherlands Space Office) |
| **Requesting Agency/Organization’s Address:** | Prinses Beatrixlaan 2  2595 AL Den Haag  Netherlands |
| **Affiliated CCSDS Member Agency (if applicable):** | n.a. |
| **What is the motivation for your Agency/Organization’s request to be recognized as a CCSDS Observer?** | |
| With new systems emerging, e.g. constellations in telecom and EO both in LEO and MEO, standards become even more important to ensure coherent use of different or scarce resources. CCSDS is an important body for development of communication and data standards in spaceflight. NSO wants to be able to inform new and existing actors of spaceflight on standardization in this domain and wants to help develop new standards. Becoming an CCSDS Observer will allow first hand knowledge and contribution to the standards and system.  (NSO is also a member of the ECSS Steering Board and SFCG) | |
| **Does your Agency/Organization plan to actively participate in CCSDS Working Groups? If so, what level of activity do you anticipate? A list of working groups can be found on the CCSDS website located here:** [**http://cwe.ccsds.org/default.aspx**](http://cwe.ccsds.org/default.aspx) | |
| NSO intents to participate in some of the working groups. As an organization with limited resources NSO will find experts within its network of research and knowledge institutes or other entities to represent NSO and actively engage in the CCSDS WG’s.  Specific interest lies in SLS and SIS domain, specifically in SLS-OPT but also other WG. | |
| **Frequency of CCSDS Meetings** | |
| The CCSDS Management Council (CMC), CCSDS Engineering Steering Group (CESG), CCSDs Plenary, CCSDS Areas, and CCSDS Working Groups (WG) meet at least twice per year in person. Delegates are asked to attend as necessary to deliver reports and participate in technical discussions. | |
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