

The Addis Ababa Declaration

THE ADDIS ABABA DECLARATION ON SPACE BUSINESS CO-CREATION AND SATELLITE DATA UTILIZATION

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The Space Science and Geospatial Institute (SSGI) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the General Incorporated Association cross U, Axelspace Corporation, and Jethi Software Development PLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Signatories"),

RECOGNIZING the transformative potential of space science, geospatial technology, and advanced Earth Observation (EO) data in driving sustainable socioeconomic development, overcoming structural challenges, and fostering resilient infrastructure in agriculture, environmental conservation, and disaster management across the African continent;

REAFFIRMING the guiding principles established by the Yokohama Declaration at the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) in August 2025, which mandated the strategic transition toward the "co-creation of innovative solutions" driven by robust, private-sector partnerships and homegrown innovation, and recognizing that, as part of this broader framework, this Declaration presents a concrete implementation model in the field of space applications and Earth Observation ;

BUILDING UPON the firm foundation of the Memorandum of Understanding executed between the General Incorporated Association cross U, a space business co-creation platform building the Japan-Africa ecosystem , and the Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in Japan, as well as the synergistic outcomes and advanced diplomatic and commercial dialogues facilitated by the "FY2025 Public-Private Joint Mission for the Promotion of Trade and Investment with Africa" deployed by the Government of Japan in January 2026, and confirming that this Declaration was agreed upon and publicly announced in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and is expected to be showcased at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2026 in Libreville, Gabonese Republic;

NOTING that the General Incorporated Association cross U, Axelspace Corporation, and others have been selected for the project titled "Establishment of social problem-solving methods in Africa utilizing a common platform for satellite data use originating from Japan" under the Japanese Government's Space

Strategy Fund (Second Phase) , and ANTICIPATING that this initiative will serve as a powerful driving force for the future societal implementation of satellite data across the African continent;

WELCOMING the establishment of the commercial partnership between Axelspace Corporation and Jethi Software Development PLC, which exemplifies the seamless integration of continuous advanced Japanese microsatellite data provisioning with local Ethiopian software architecture and institutional requirements;

THE SIGNATORIES HEREBY OFFICIALLY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A Decisive Transition to the Implementation Phase

The Signatories affirm that the bilateral cooperation in the space sector between Japan and Ethiopia has officially progressed from the stage of conceptual policy dialogue to tangible, private-sector-led commercial implementation. Between Japan and Ethiopia, building on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Axelspace Corporation and Jethi Software Development PLC, the Signatories commit to executing data-driven pilot projects that will, for the time being, focus on two key areas: the advancement of precision agriculture and sustainable and responsible mineral resource management.

2. Empowerment of Local Ecosystems and Respect for Data Sovereignty

The Signatories emphasize that genuine technological empowerment necessitates the establishment of autonomous, localized data analysis and operational capacity. Driven by Jethi Software Development PLC, this co-creation model will prioritize the development of domestic platforms, ensuring that raw data from space is accurately translated into actionable, intuitive intelligence that serves the sovereign interests and specific cultural contexts of Ethiopia. Furthermore, through these initiatives, the creation and continuous strengthening of autonomous local space-related industries will be promoted.

3. Establishment and Propagation of a Pan-African Reference Architecture

The Signatories resolve that the public-private collaborative framework pioneered in Ethiopia shall serve as a scalable and sustainable reference architecture for the broader African continent. In propagating this model to other African nations, the Signatories recognize that, in addition to the two aforementioned areas, domains such as the enhancement of climate resilience, advanced disaster risk management, and sustainable urban planning are of critical importance, and the model will be adapted to address the diverse and specific social challenges of each nation. By demonstrating the demonstrated efficacy of marrying international Earth Observation capabilities with indigenous technological integration, this model will accelerate regional economic growth and technological autonomy.

4. Commitment to Continuous Dialogue and Global Progress Reporting

The Signatories commit to maintaining an active, multi-stakeholder dialogue to continuously refine the technical, social, and commercial parameters of this partnership. The strategic agreement of this enterprise is publicly announced in Addis Ababa and subsequently broadcast as a pan-African vision at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2026 held in Gabon, and its quantitatively measured progress will be officially reported to the global community at "NIHONBASHI SPACE WEEK 2026," one of Asia's largest space business events, to be held in Nihonbashi, Tokyo from Monday, 30 November to Friday, 4 December 2026, marking a historic milestone in Japan-Africa industrial synergy.

Through this Declaration, the Signatories express their firm commitment to forging a sustainable, inclusive, and highly advanced space industry ecosystem that transcends geographical and technological boundaries, thereby realizing the shared vision of bringing the benefits of space within reach of all societies.