

TITLE, CHARTER AND SCOPE OF ISO/TC 20/SC 13

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TITLE: SPACE DATA AND INFORMATION TRANSFER SYSTEMS

CHARTER AND SCOPE:

ISO/TC 20/SC 13:

1. Is an international forum, which addresses the standardization needs of organizations and personnel involved with data and information transfer and exchange standards for civil space applications.
2. Recognizes that technical documents appropriate for international data systems standardization purposes have been developed by other organizations and will utilize these existing documents if they have demonstrated their suitability by wide international acceptance. SC 13 will avoid developing new international standards when adequate standards exist.
3. Promote international cooperation and progress in civil space applications by encouraging, supporting, and proposing national and international missions; and seeking and initiating new concepts for international cooperative projects and missions. This includes spacecraft missions, ground based radio science, and space and ground tracking networks.
4. Develops both the technical and the institutional framework for international interoperability to facilitate appropriate cross-support opportunities of space data systems.
5. Promote opportunities for partnership in space applications, including space and ground tracking networks and data sharing, between industrialized countries and the developing countries.
6. Acts as an international information exchange mechanism for data, programs and plans pertaining to space applications and space/ground tracking networks.