

Local Chapter Activity Report 2025

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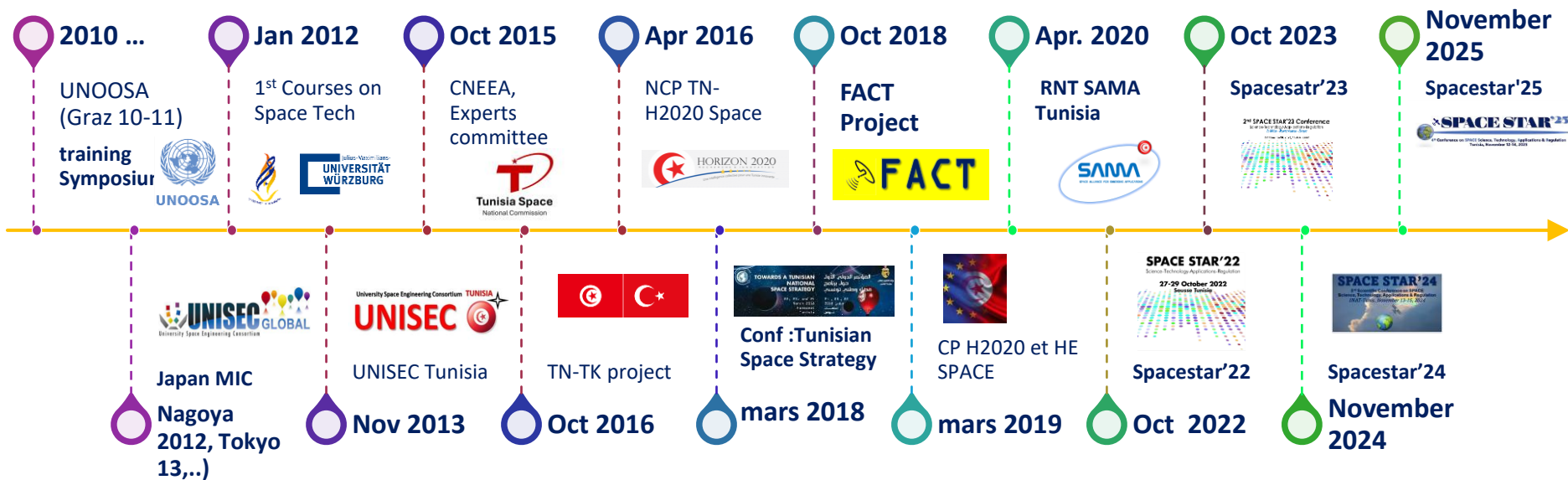
The 1st UNISEC-Global Meeting
November 23-24, 2013
The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

UNISEC Tunisia Since 2013, Objectives:

- ✓ Promotion of National and International cooperation
- ✓ Working on Fundraising and Project Support
- ✓ Promotion of the alliance
- ✓ Organization of events
- ✓ Communication and dissemination



Unisec Tunisia is driving a mobilizing strategy



Actions; Governance, Networking, Events, Exhibitions, Conferences, Studies, Training, Research, Startups, Legislation, Major Projects, International Cooperation, Resources,

Network of Tunisian partners: CNEEA, CRM, CNCT, INAT, IRESA, CRMN Enova robotics, Avionav, ...

Network of International Partners: HE, IAF, CAST, JAXA, ISRO, UNOOSA, AICTO, AfSA, ...

Tokyo U., Samar Univ., ITU Turkey, Wurzburg U., UVSQ, Vigo U.,

1-Conferences and training organisation



Aim of the conference 2025

Wednesday, November 12, 2025			
8:30 to 9:00	Registration		
9:00 to 9:30	Opening Ceremony, Officials,		
Space Science and Technology, conference co-Chair : Prof Kamel BESBES			
9:30 -10:00	1-1 Conference Session: COSPAR's activities and strategy with emerging countries. Niklas Hedman, COSPAR General Counsel, former Acting Director UNOOSA		
10:00 - 11:00	Oral Communication: Navigation Chair : Prof Hedia Chakroun, ENIT Tunis El Manar University, Tunisia		
	111	K Anaghim, M A Mahjoub LATIS laboratory, ENISO Tunisia	Robust Short-Term Collision Risk Prediction for Earth-Orbiting Satellites
	112	K Barkaoui, A Frihida Beit al Hikma Carthage & Cedric-Cnam Paris, Tunisia	From GeoINT to GeoAI
	113	A Wanda SATNAV Africa JPO, Senegal	Characterization of GNSS RFI on the African Continent – The need for SBAS Authentication
11:00 to 11:30	Coffee Break + Networking		
11:30 to 12:30	Oral Communication 1-2: Astronomy and deep space Chair: Prof Samia Charfi Gaddour, FST, Tunis El Manar University, Tunisia		
	121	M Abdelhak, M A Mahjoub LATIS lab ENISO-Sousse Univ-Tunisia	Bayesian Deep Ensembles for Classifying Main-Belt Asteroid Families from Proper Elements with Uncertainty-Aware Screening
	122	M Ben Hassine, M A Mahjoub LATIS lab ENISO-Sousse Univ-Tunisia	Assessment of Future Stability and Identification of "Escape Candidates" in the Kuiper Belt Using Bayesian Neural Networks
	123	M A Mahjoub LATIS lab ENISO-Sousse Univ-Tunisia	Artificial Intelligence for Exploring Small Bodies and Exoplanets in Astrophysics: State-of-the-Art, Challenges, and Prospects
12:30 to 13:00	1-2 Conference Session: Deep Space Exploration programs benefits for Emerging Nations and the Next Generation, Ing Rania Toukebri, Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC), AKKODIS Co, Germany		
13:00 to 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 -15:00	1-3 Conference Session : Trends on Quantum space communication Dr Sana AMARI PYKA, Lead Scientist, Technology Innovation Institute, Abu Dabi, Emirates Arab Unis		
15:00 to 15:40	Oral Communication: Space emerging technologies Chair: Prof Mounir Mansour, AM Foundek Jedid, Tunisia		
	131	F Rzigia Ouaja, K Besbes μEi Lab, FSMonastir Univ-CRMN Sousse, Tunisia	Climate Change and Quantum Technology: Towards a Synergy for a Sustainable Future
	132	K E Arthur, E Tachie-Menson, C Martey, F A K Bekoe Pharmfield Pharmaceuticals, Arthur Mensons Labs, Ghana Air Force- Ghana	Dynamic Foot Pump Assessment System (DFPAS) for Astronaut Circulatory Health in Microgravity

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15:40-16:10	Coffee Break + Poster Tour	
1-4 Poster Tour (5mn/P)	141 Z Ben Amira, Y Fekih, K Hmaied TSA Association - Tunisia	Mini and Experimental Rocket Design: Microelectronics, Microcontrollers, PCB and Mechanics Integration
	142 F El Kamel, A Benmana, A Rouis, A Sakly ENIM-Monastir Tunisia	AI-Based Celestial Navigation for Aerial and Spacecraft Platforms: A CNN-LSTM Hybrid Approach
	143 Dorsaf Aguir, Mohsen Machhout EuE Lab, FS Univ of Monastir Tunisia	Effects of Total Ionizing Dose Radiation on n-MOSFET Device Performance
	144 R Boughammoura ISIM Mahdia, University of Monastir	Use of Orthogonal Range Searching and Layering Technique against Climate Change Sea Level Rising Problem in Coast of Tunisia
	145 I Skima, A Ben Ismail CNSTN Tunisia	Study of a Numerical Model for Predicting In-Flight Exposure to Cosmic Radiation
16:10 to 17:10	Oral Communication 1-5: Space Technology Chair: Prof. Ahmed Siala, DG Military research center - Tunisia	
	151 B Ennejah, S Lahouar, K Besbes, μEi Lab, FSMonastir Univ-CRMN Sousse, Tunisia	Architectures and Constraints Of Cubesat-Based IoT Spatial Communication
	152 Iheb Bourbia, S Lahouar, K Besbes μEi Lab, FSMonastir Univ-CRMN Sousse, Tunisia	IoT Spatial Communication Based on an SDR Bridge
	153 S Lahouar, K Besbes μEi Lab, FSMonastir Univ-CRMN Sousse, Tunisia	Development of a Vacuum-Thermal Environment controlled Platform for LEO Device, System testing and Mission Qualification

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Opening ceremony



Conferences and Communications Day 1



Thursday, November 13, 2025		
Space Applications and EO, Conference co-Chair: Prof. Zohra LILI CHABAANE		
9:00 to 9:30	2-1 Conference Sessions: Earth Observation applications and Benefits in Gabon Dr Aboubakar Mambimba Ndjoungui, Director General of the Gabonese Agency for Space Studies and Observations (AGEOS)	
9:30 to 10:30	Oral Communication 2-1 : Environment quality control Chair: Prof Mehdi Ben Mimoun, INAT, GreenTeam Lab, Tunisia	
	211	S Ben Mahmoud, O Charfi ENIG, Gabes Univ. Tunisia Operational Soil Moisture Monitoring Using Deep Learning and Sentinel-1 for Optimized Irrigation
	212	M Gallas, S Lahouar, K Besbes EPIso, UEI Lab, FSM Monastir Univ. CRMN SousseTunisia Geospatial Data Analysis for Environmental Impact Assessment: Case Study of Wildfires
	213	N Habbachi, A Guesmi, K Besbes UEI Lab, FSM Monastir Univ. CRMN SousseTunisia VLMs on the Edge: Towards Real-Time Fire Detection and Spread Prediction based on space observation
10:30 to 11:00	Coffee Break + Networking	
11h00 to 11:30	2-2 Conference Sessions: AI supporting EO for climate change and environment analysis Prof. Imed Riadh Farah, Director of Manouba National School of Engineering (MSE) RIADI Lab, University of Manouba, Tunisia	
11:30 to 12:30	Oral Communication 2-2: Climate Models Chair : Prof. Sihem Benabdallah, Certn Borj Cedria, Tunisia	
	221	R Ben Romdhane Nat. Inst. of Meteorology Tunisia Use of Satellite Data at the National Institute of Meteorology
	222	K Khemiri, A Chekirbane, D Penna, C Massari Dept of Rural Eng., Water and Forests, INAT, U. of Carthage Machine Learning-Driven Bias correction of satellite-based climate models to improve regional climate assessments in Tunisia
	223	G Graja, O Besbes, T Abdellatif MRC, ISSATso, ENISO, U Sousse, SERCOM Lab., EPT, U Carthage Cross-View Change Detection via Self-Supervised Contrastive Learning
12:30 to 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 to 14:30	2-3 Conference Session: Detection and Classification of Olive Leaves Diseases Prof Abdelaziz Kallel, Centre on Digital Research, Sfax technopole, Tunisia	
14:30 to 15:30	Oral Communication 2-3: Water and Agriculture Chair : Prof. Fatma Trabelsi, Esim Medjez ElBeb, Tunisia	
	231	J Aouissi, S Zakraoui, Z Lili Chabaane, Z Kassouk, K Chokmani, H Agili, F Msallem LR GREEN-TEAM, INAT, U. Carthage, Tunisia Understanding the impact of Digital Elevation Model resolution in flood modelling using HECRAS model and Sentinel-1 Image at the Medjerda Wadi
	232	Z Kassouk, S Sayeh, J C Loubier, J Aouissi, A Chahbi, I Saied, Z Lili Chabaane LR GREEN-TEAM, INAT, U. Carthage, Tunisia High-Resolution LIDAR and Drone Imagery for Urban Flood Risk Assessment using Bluespot Modeling in Nabeul, Tunisia

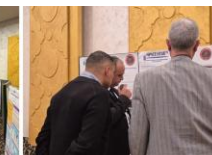
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	233	M Khelif, A Chahbi Bellaknaji, H Habaieb, Z Lili Chabaane LR GREEN-TEAM, INAT, Carthage Univ. Tunisia From Space to Field: Artificial Intelligence-Powered Early Classification of Cereal Crops in Tunisia Using Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2
15:30 to 16:00	Coffee Break + Poster Tour	
2-4 Poster Tour (5mn/P)	241	B Selmi MSB, Manouba Univ – Tunisia HydroTwin: AI-Powered Digital Twin for Urban Rainflow Simulation and Rainwater Reuse
	242	W Abdaoui, A Ben Abbes MSB, Manouba Univ – Tunisia Assessing the quality of hydrological resources in the North and Center of Tunisia using remote sensing data
	243	M Rihani ISAMM Manouba Univ, Tunisia Privacy-preserving land cover classification using federated learning for satellite imagery
	244	M Zaghdoudi, R Selmi MSB, Manouba Univ – Tunisia Water quality monitoring using remote sensing
		F Ben Thameur Manouba School of Engineering, Tunisia FarmWeb: Sustainable Agriculture Resource Hub
16:00 to 17:30	2-5 Round Table on: The Future of GNSS R&D in Africa: Challenges, Strategic Vision, and Implementation Chair: Dr Aicha Alou, SATNAV JPO, Co-chair : Prof Kamel Besbes, CRMN Tunisia JPO, AGEOS, CRM, Aviation School BA, MES, CNCT, IRESA, OTC, OACA, AICTO, Novation City, ...	

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Conferences and Communications Day 2



Poster sessions Day 1 & 2



SPACE STAR²⁵

4th Conference on SPACE Science, Technology, Applications & Regulation
November 12-14, 2025 Gammarth-Tunis, Tunisia

Friday, November 14, 2025

Space Regulations and policies, Conference co-Chair: Prof. Refaat Chaabouni

Panel 1: Space Law: Experiences and Challenges for Emerging Countries

Chair : Prof. Refaat Chaabouni

09:00 to 9:30 **Key note 1-1: The challenges of establishing space law for emerging countries in light of the current evolution of the global space domain.**
 Niklas HEDMAN, COSPAR General Counsel, former Acting Director UNOOSA

9h30 – 10:00 **Key Note 1-2: "Space Law for Emergent Countries"**
 Rosanna HOFFMANN, leader of Global Space Law Project, UNOOSA

10:00-10:30 **What future space law for Tunisia, main recommendations**
 Debate : CNEEA representative (PG, MESRS, CNCT, MAE, MTIC) COSPAR, UNOOSA

10:30 to 11:00 **Coffee Break + Networking**

Panel 2: Space sustainable economy

Chair : Prof Nesrine Chehata Laroui, AGEOS Association, Univ Bordeaux, France

11:00 to 12:00 **Key Note 2-1: Earth observation and economy impact for emerging countries**
 Dr Aboubakar Mambimba Ndjoungui,
 Director General of the Gabonese Agency for Space Studies and Observations (AGEOS)
Key Note 2-2: Road map on R&D and innovation for GNSS in Africa and economic impact expected,
 Dr Aicha Alou, SatNav Africa JPO
Key Note 2-3 : 2027 Solar Eclipse in Tunisia, The Scientific, Cultural and Touristic event
 Prof Samia Charfi, Faculty of Science, Tunis El-Manar University – Tunisia
 Dr. Nour Rawafi, Astrophysicist and the project scientist for NASA's Parker Solar Probe mission

Panel 3 : NewSpace market development and benefits for emerging countries

Chair: Dr Michel BOSCO, MAM Int Consulting

12:00 – 13:00 **Key Note 3: Introduction: Prospects for future European Space Initiatives 2028-2034**
 Dr Michel BOSCO, MAM Int Consulting

Debate : Startups, Mechatronic Cluster, INM, OSS, APAL, CNCT, MAMIC, ...

Closing Ceremony (Officials)

Pr Refaat Chaabouni + Moderators

13:15 **Closing Lunch**

Social Events : Carthage sites and museum/ Beidou Centre Tunisia



Conferences and Panels Day 3



SPACE STAR²⁵
4th Conference on SPACE Science, Technology, Applications & Regulation
November 12-14, 2025 Gammarth-Tunis, Tunisia

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2- participation on conferences

56th Virtual UNISEC-Global Meeting

Theme: IoT Mission Idea Presentation (2)

Hosted by UNISEC-Global
Date: May 17, 2025 Time: 22:00-24:00(JST)





Moderator
A. Rüstem Aslan
Istanbul Technical University



Opening Remarks
Maxmilien Berthet
The University of Tokyo

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IoT Mission Idea Presentaters

Bassem Boshra, SpimeSenseLabs, Egypt
Essien Ewang, NASRDA, Nigeria
Badis Ennejah, Monastir University, Tunisia

IoT Company Presentations



Jon Pearce
Lacuna Space



Mutlu Ahmetoglu
Plan-S Satellite & Space Technologies Inc.

1- Conference & Events 2025

During 2025, the activity focused on the promotion and development of **space, digital, and quantum technologies**, with particular attention to emerging economies and international cooperation.

A strong interest was placed on **satellite navigation and Earth observation technologies**, notably **GNSS and multi-GNSS systems**, for resilience, early warning, seismic alerts, and disaster risk reduction, with a focus on **Africa and MENA regions**.

These activities highlighted the importance of **cooperation between academia, industry, and public institutions**, as well as the strategic role of space technologies in supporting **sustainable development, security, and technological sovereignty in a rapidly evolving global environment**.

Partners : UNISEC, UNOOSA, IAF, AfSa, EgSa, JPO,

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- A call for action from Tunisia on international regulatory frameworks,
- Enhancing Tunisia's space sector: technologies, applications and regulatory considerations,

62nd Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, February 11, 2025 Copuos 2025

- Participation to Newspace Africa Cairo April 2025
- Quantum Communication: Fundamentals and Technology Trends, International Conference on Emerging Technologies and Computing (ICETC 2025)

June 23-26, 2025 at University of Brest – France

- Emerging Quantum Technologies, Master Class en technologies quantiques, Lab. Microélectronique et Instrumentation, FSM, 30 Juin 2025, Prof. Kamel BESBES
- Private sector and academic cooperation for early warning through GNSS applications

Africa Satellite Navigation Conference High-Level Pre-event "Leveraging GNSS Technology for Enhanced Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems in Africa." Praia, Cabo Verde 16th - 17th July 2025

- Multi-GNSS & GNSS-R for Resilience, Earth Observation & Seismic Alerts

Fifth China – Arab BDS Cooperation Forum, 24-25 September 2025, China

- Quantum materials, technologies and key applications, 7th International Symposium on Materials, Electrochemistry and Environment, CIMEE25, 25-27 September 2025, Tripoli, Lebanon.

- Space for emerging economies in changing world, 7th International Space Forum at Ministerial Level 2025 The Southeast Asian Chapter , December 4, 2025, Manila, The Philippines

3 R&D projects

Closing the project FACT

December 31, 2025

Financed by Ministry of Higher Education and
Scientific Research in Tunisia



Category	Field of studies	Number
Researcher	Electrical engineering	2
	Microelectronics	3
Early-Stage Researcher	Telecommunication	1
	Microelectronics	3
Engineer	Mechanical	1
	Geomatics	2
Graduate Student	Microelectronics	3
	Computer Engineering	1
	Electrical Engineering	3
	Information and Communication Technologies	2
	Electromechanical Engineering	1
Undergraduate Student	Electrical Engineering	4
	Computer Engineering	2
	Electromechanical Engineering	5

- Researchers: 10
- Engineers: 5
- Grad Students: 15
- Undergrad Students: 15

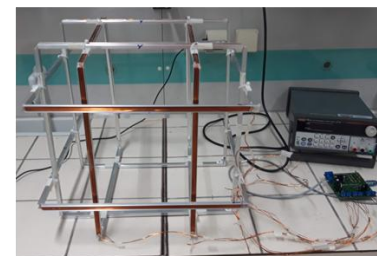
3- CubeSat Mounting Facility: Cleanroom



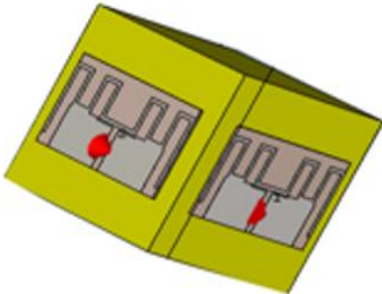
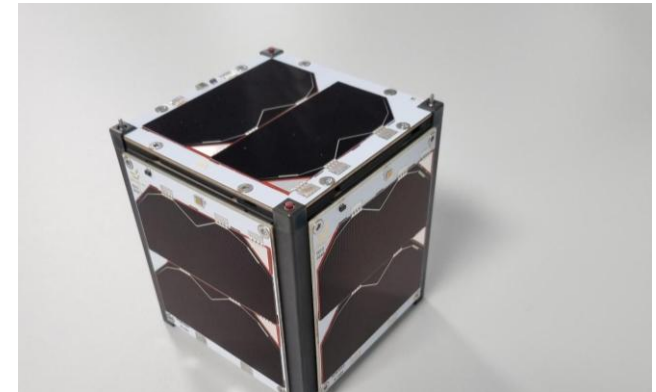
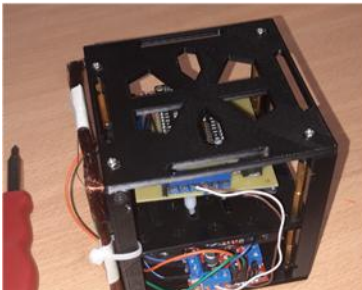
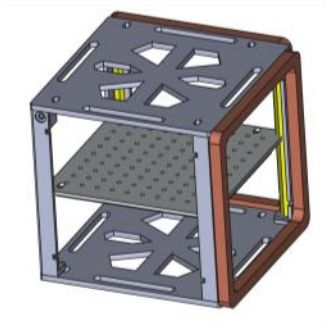
Shape: Stainless steel Cylinder
Size: 30cm x 45cm (can test from a 1U up to 6U CubeSats)
Temperature range: -20C to +50C
Temperature change rate: ±1C per minute
Vacuum pressure: 10^{-4} Pa



- Helmholtz Cage: Earth magnetic field emulation
 - Dimensions: 45cm x 45cm x 45cm: 1U CubeSat testing
 - Aluminum frame
 - Magnetic field strength: $\pm 100\mu\text{T}$ on each axis
 - Precise magnetic field control through the GUI

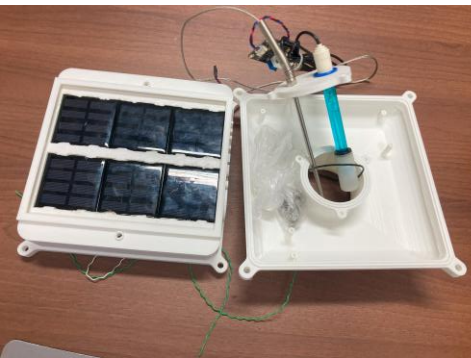
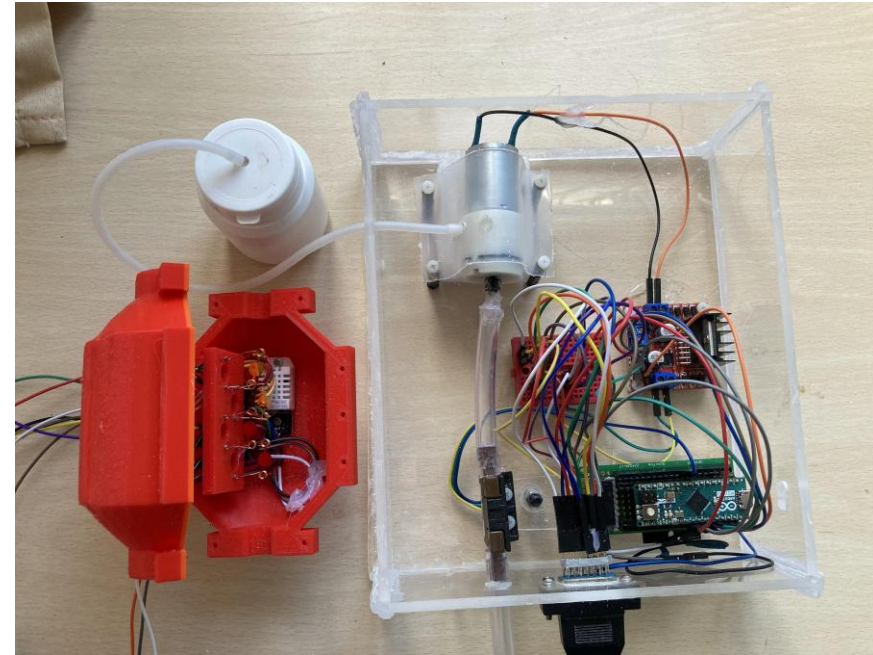
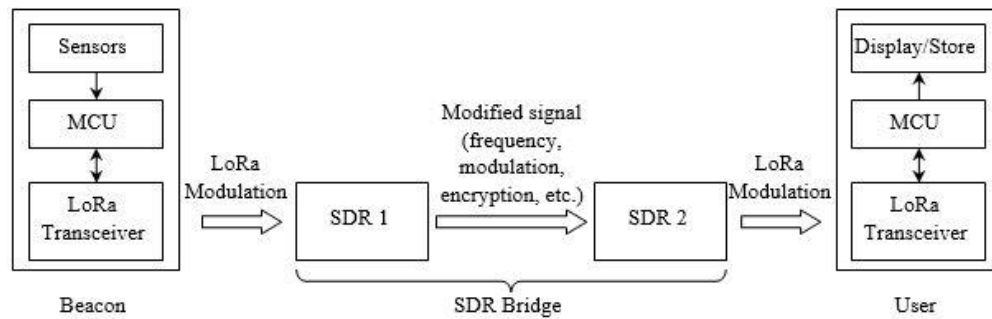


Cubesat development



Ground Segment for Space IoT :

Gases and Water quality ,
 Earth Observation,
 MultiGNSS



MUSST-IoT – Multimodal Satellite Sensing Technologies for IoT



2026-2030

mission focused on advancing environmental monitoring through space-based multi constellation IoT communications.

4- Support Tunisian submission to Kibocube call 2025



KiboCUBE in partnership with Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency provides the opportunity to develop a cube satellite (CubeSat) and have it deployed from the International Space Station Japanese module “Kibo”.

KiboCUBE enables access to space promoting the sustainability of future space activities.



SPACE STAR

Conference on **SPACE** Science, Technology, Applications & Regulation

4- Annoucement :

5th Spacestar conference
in November 2026 at Tunis

Thank you
Happy new year
2026
