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Panel on Capacity Building (PCB)

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Press release: **COSPAR initiates new programme: Building SmallSat capacity in developing countries**

For a presentation of the Panel's activities, watch this mini-film, with sub-titles, **here**.



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To advise COSPAR on its program of capacity building workshops. **More information as well as guidelines and an application for submitting a workshop proposal and an application**.

Note from Editor: A **Memorandum of Understanding** for a partnership on training and capacity building was signed between the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and COSPAR in March 2012.

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This program is open to young scientists who have been participants at one of the **COSPAR Capacity Building workshops** to enable them to build on skills gained at the workshop. It provides for visits of 2-4 weeks duration for the purpose of carrying out joint research to laboratories that collaborate with COSPAR in providing the fellowship program.

More information, list of currently participating laboratories, application guidelines, etc.

***Deadline for the next Call for COSPAR Fellowship applications: 31 March 2026*.**

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