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Monday, March 23, 2026

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Schedules are Subject to Change							
5:00am/8:00am						Closed Session (8:15-9)	
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6:00am/9:00am		Closed Session (9-9:45)				Break (9-9:15)	
:15						Welcome (9:15-9:20)	
:30						L-band Active and Passive Mission Updates and Interference Protection (9:20-10)	
:45							
7:00am/10:00pm		Welcome (10-10:05)				Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Update (10-10:40)	
:15							
:30		NASA Planetary Science Division (PSD) Program Update (10:05-11:05)				Break (10:40-11)	
:45							
8:00am/11:00am		NASA Astrobiology Program Update (11:05-12:05)				National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Update (11-11:40)	
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:30						Overview of SpectrumX: An NSF Spectrum Innovation Center (11:40-12:20)	
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9:00am/12:00pm		Working Lunch (12:05-1:05)				Working Lunch (12:20-1:20)	
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10:00am/1:00pm		Update from the Mars Exploration Program (1:05-1:50)				NSF Spectrum Management Update (1:20-2:20)	
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11:00am/2:00pm		Break (1:50-2:05)				FCC Developments (2:20-3:10)	
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:30		Status of the NASA Planetary Research Program (2:05-2:50)				Break (3:10-3:30)	
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12:00pm/3:00pm		Status of the Planetary Exploration Science Technology Office (PESTO) (2:50-3:35)				Closed Session (3:30-4:45)	
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:45		Break (3:35-3:50)					
1:00pm/4:00pm		Roundtable Discussion on Research and Analysis Program and Tech Development for Future Missions (3:50-4:45)				Meeting Adjourns (4:45)	
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:30							
:45		Break (4:45-5)					
2:00pm/5:00pm		Closed Session (5-6)					
:15							
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3:00pm/6:00pm		Meeting Adjourns (6)					
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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Plenary Session - Auditorium

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5:00am/8:00am	Breakfast available in the Great Hall starting at 8am						
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6:00am/9:00am	Metagenomic Insights into Biodiversity and Metabolic Capabilities of Microbes on the ISS: Application of Metagenomic Data to Planetary Protection Challenges for Crewed Missions to Mars (8:45-9:45)	Closed Session (9-9:45)			Closed Session (8:30-9:45)		Closed Session (8:30-9:45)
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Break (9:45-10)							
7:00am/10:00pm	Welcome, Dr. T. Arul Mozhi, Senior Program Director, Aeronautics, Space, and Astronomy and Dr. Nelson Pedreiro, Vice Chair, Space Studies Board(10-10:05)						
:15	Furthering Humanity's Exploration of Space (10:05-10:15); U.S. Representative Gabe Evans (R-CO)						
:30	Industry Perspective to Advance Space Science and Technology (10:15-10:50) Mr. Daniel M. Hart (NAE), President, HarTechnologies LLC						
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8:00am/11:00am	Address from Office of Science and Technology Policy (10:50-11:15) Dr. Charles Powell, Assistant Director, Space and Spectrum Policy, OSTP						
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:30	Update from NASA Science Mission Directorate (11:15-12) Dr. Nicola Fox, Associate Administrator, NASA-SMD						
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9:00am/12:00pm	Working Lunch (12:00-1:30)						
10:00am/1:00pm							
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:45	Update from the U.S. Department of Energy (1:30-2) Dr. Regina Rameika, Associate Director, High Energy Physics, DOE						
11:00am/2:00pm							
:15	Update from the National Science Foundation (2-2:30) Dr. Tie Luo, Directorate Head, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, NSF						
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:45	Update from the U.S. Department of Commerce (2:30-3) Mr. Tim Walsh, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Systems, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Services, NOAA						
12:00pm/3:00pm							
:15	Update from the U.S. Department of State (3-3:30) Ms. Valda Vikmanis-Keller, Director of Space Affairs						
:30							
:45	Break (3:30-4)						
1:00pm/4:00pm							
:15	European Space Agency (ESA)—Science Highlights (4-4:30) Dr. Carole Mundell, Director of Science, ESA						
:30							
:45	National Space Science Center (NSSC)/Chinese Academy of Sciences—Science Highlights (4:30-5) Prof. Chi Wang, Director General, NSSC						
2:00pm/5:00pm							
:15	Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)—Science Highlights (5-5:30) Dr. N. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Counsellor, Space/ISRO TLO, Embassy of India						
:30							
:45	Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)—Science Highlights (5:30-6) Dr. Tsuda Yuichi, Former Project Manager, Hayabusaz, JAXA						
3:00pm/6:00pm							
:15	Break (6-6:30)						
:30	Working Buffet Dinner for Members, Speakers, and Invited Guests in the Great Hall (6:30-8:30)						
5:30pm/8:30pm	Plenary Session Adjourns for the Day (8:30)						
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Schedules are Subject to Change										
4:30am/7:30am	Breakfast available in the Great Hall starting at 8am									
5:00am/8:00am	Closed Session (7:30-8:30)									
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:30	Break (8:30-8:45)		Closed Session (8:15-8:45)	Closed Session (8:15-8:45)		Closed Session (8:15-9)				
:45					Closed Session (8:30-9)					
6:00am/9:00am		Closed Session (8:45-9:15)								
:15	Office of Planetary Protection Update (8:45-9:45)	Break (9:15-9:30)	Joint CBPSS/CSSP Session Panel: Application of AI in Heliophysics and Biological and Physical Sciences Research in Space (9-10) AI in NASA's Science Mission Directorate (10-11) Break (11-11:20) Joint Discussion (11:20-12)			Break (9-9:15)	Break (9-9:05) Welcome (9:05-9:10)	Closed Session (8:45-9:45)		
:30		Welcome (9:30-9:35)				NSF Astronomy Section Update (9:15-9:50)	European Scientists on Spectrum for Earth Observation (ESSEO) Update (9:10-9:50)			
:45		Break (9:45-10)				Discussion of ROSES and Planetary Mission Concept Studies (PMCS) and Lessons Learned from Last Decadal (9:35-10:20)	NSF Astronomy Facility Update (9:50-10:35)		NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Update (9:50-10:30)	
7:00am/10:00am	Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate (ESDMD) Moon to Mars Architecture: Activities and Touch Points for Planetary Protection (10-11:15)	Origins, Worlds, and Life (OWL) and PMCS (10:20-11:05)								Break (9:45-10)
:15										Welcome (10-10:10)
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:45										
8:00am/11:00am		Break (11:05-11:15)								
:15	Break (11:15-11:30)	Improving PMCS for Technical Risk and Cost Estimate Analysis (TRACE) (11:15-12)								
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9:00am/12:00pm	Planetary Protection Research and Planetary Science Division R&A Update (11:30-12:45)									
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10:00am/1:00pm		Working Lunch (12-12:55)	Working Lunch (12-1)	Working Lunch (12-1)	Working Lunch (12-1)	Working Lunch (12:10-1)	Working Lunch (12-1)			
:15	Working Lunch (12:45-1:45)									
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11:00am/2:00pm		Future of Venus Exploration Analysis Group (VEXAG) (12:55-1:30)	Biological and Physical Sciences (BPS) Division Status (1-1:45)	Heliophysics Division Strategic Planning and R&A Reorganization (1-2)	Joint CAA/CORF Session Introduction to CORF and the CAA (1-1:10) Dark and Quiet Skies: Updates from the American Astronomical Society (1:10-1:55) National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) Spectrum Management Update (1:55-2:40) The Future of Luna Spectrum Allocations: Update from ITU-R Working Party 7B (2:40-3:25)		Discussion with NASA Earth Science Division (ESD) (1-3)			
:15		Future of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG) (1:30-2:05)		Break (2-2:20)						
:30	Panel—Looking Ahead to Lunar Implementation: Science and Modeling Efforts to Refine the Category II Reporting Requirements (1:45-3:45)	Future of the Lunar Exploration Analysis Group (LEAG) (2:05-2:40)	Panel: Progress Towards Key Science Questions in the Biological Sciences (1:45-3)	NSF Geospace Cluster Update (2:20-3)						
:45		Future of the Outer Planets Analysis Group (OPAG) (2:50-3:25)	Break (3-3:30)	NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center Update (3-3:40)						
		Future of Small Bodies Analysis Group (SBAG) (3:25-4)		NOAA National Environmental Satellite Data, and Information Service (3:40-4:15)						
12:00pm/3:00pm		Break (4-4:10)	Panel: Progress Towards Key Science Questions in the Physical Sciences (3:30-4:45)	NOAA National Environmental Satellite Data, and Information Service (3:40-4:15)	Standardized Space Telescopes for the Future of Scientific Discovery (3:40-4:25)	Concluding Remarks (3:45-4:15)	New ROSES Elements (3:15-3:45)			
:15				Break (4:15-4:30)	Break (3:25-3:40)	Break (3:25-3:45)				
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1:00pm/4:00pm	Defense Advance Research Projects Agency's Ice Control for Cold Environments: Lessons for Microbiology (4-4:40)	Roundtable Discussion on Future of the Analysis Groups and Keeping Cohesive Communities (4:10-5:15)	Break (4:45-5)	Break (4:25-4:40)			Multi-Source Integrated Observatory (MIO) Formulation Status (3:45-4:15)			
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:30	Break (4:40-4:55)									
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2:00pm/5:00pm										
:15	Closed Session (4:55-5:30)	Break (5:15-5:30)	Closed Session (5-5:30)	Closed Session (4:30-5:30)	Closed Session (4:40-5:30)	Closed Session (4:30-5:30)	Commercial EO Industry and Private Sector Engagement (4:15-5:30)			
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3:00pm/6:00pm	Working Dinner for Members, Speakers, and Invited Guests in the West Court (5:30-7)									
4:00pm/7:00pm	Public Lecture: A Instrument Nature Can Play: Data, Sound, and the Work of Imagination in Science Jewel Prof. Greg Niemeyer Dr. Chelle Gentemann									
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4:30am/7:30am							
5:00am/8:00am	Closed Session (7:30-8:30)						
:15	Breakfast available in the Great Hall starting at 8am						
:30	Break (8:30-8:45)						
:45			Closed Session (8:30-9:15)		Closed Session (8:30-9)		
6:00am/9:00am	COSPAR Panel on Planetary Protection Update (8:45-9:25)				Break (9-9:15)		
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:30	COSPAR Work on Limits of Life and Performance/Probability-Based Assessment (9:25-10:05)		Break (9:15-9:30)		NASA Astrophysics Update (9:15-10)		Engaging the Earth Science Community (9-10:30)
:45			A Science Strategy for the Human Exploration of Mars (9:30-10:15)				
7:00am/10:00pm					Swift Reboost: Planning & Progress (10-10:35)		
:15	Break (10:05-10:20)						
:30	European Science Foundation (ESF) Work on Probability of Growth (10:20-11)		Panel: Platforms for Studying Space Effects (10:15-11:30)		Break (10:35-10:50)		Break (10:30-10:45)
:45							
8:00am/11:00am	A Forward Planetary Protection Working Model of Probability of Contamination (11-12)	Closed Session (9-2:30)	Break (11:30-12)		Panel: Great Observatory Mission and Technology maturation Program (GOMAP) (10:50-12:15)		Concluding Session and Discussion (10:45-12)
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:30	Working Lunch (12-1)		Concluding Discussion (12-12:45)				Working Lunch (12-1)
:45					Working Lunch (12:15-1:35)		
9:00am/12:00pm			Working Lunch (12:45-1:30)				
:15	Panel—Evolving the NASA Standard Assay to Assess Biological Cleanliness for Probabilistic Risk Assessment: Metagenomics (1-2:15)				Astronomy and Astrophysics in the FY2026 Appropriations		Closed Session (1-2:45)
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:45			Closed Session (1:30-3)		Panel: STEM Education and Outreach Through Space Science (1:50-3)		
11:00am/2:00pm		Break (2:30-3)					Meeting Adjourns (2:45)
:15	Break (2:15-2:30)						
:30	Panel—Evolving the NASA Standard Assay to Assess Biological Cleanliness for Probabilistic Risk Assessment: Space Stations (2:30-3:30)		Meeting Adjourns (3)		Report from the AAS Graduate Admissions Task Force (3-3:15) State of the Academic Workforce in Astronomy (3:15-3:30) Discussion (3:30-4)		
:45		Concluding Discussion on Meeting Highlights & Takeaways (3-4:30)			Break (4-4:15)		
12:00pm/3:00pm	Lessons on Contamination Control: Risk Assessment Approaches Used in Industry and Possible Planetary Protection Applications to Crewed Missions to Mars (3:45-5:15)	Meeting Adjourns (4:30)					
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:30	Break (5:15-5:30)				Closed Session (4:15-5)		
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2:00pm/5:00pm					Concluding Comments by the Committee (5:15-5:45)		
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:30					Meeting Adjourns (5:45)		
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3:00pm/6:00pm	Closed Session (5:30-7:30)						
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4:00pm/7:00pm	Meeting Adjourns (7:30)						
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Friday, March 27, 2026

Committee on Planetary Protection CoPP - Members Room	
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5:00am/8:00am	Breakfast will be available outside of the meeting rooms at 8:00
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:45	Closed Session (8:30-9:30)
6:00am/9:00am	
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:30	Break (9:30-9:45)
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7:00am/10:00pm	Concluding Comments (9:45-11:15)
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:45	Break (11:15-11:30)
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:30	Closed Session (11:30-12:30)
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