

### 'Strong, Secure and Engaged'

The Next Generation of Canadian Space Domain Awareness



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#### **OVERVIEW**

- 'Strong at Home, Secure in North America and Engaged in the World'
- Research & Development (R&D) in New Space Technologies
- SDA Engagements, Current and Future Partnerships
- DND's Roadmap & SDA Capabilities

# 'STRONG, SECURE, ENGAGED'





#### A New Canadian Vision for Defence: STRONG, SECURE, ENGAGED.



AGILE, COMBAT READY CANADIAN ARMED FORCES
AND RESILIENT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES





#### SSE - SPACE OBJECTIVES

- In collaboration with allies, <u>Deter</u> ...increasingly relevant to the space and cyber domains
- Invest in and employ (<u>Deliver</u>) a range of space capabilities
- Defend and Protect space capabilities
- Work with partners to promote Canada's national interests on space issues
- Provide leadership in shaping international norms for responsible behaviour in space
- Conduct cutting-edge R&D on new spacetechnologies

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT



# S&T INNOVATION FOR DEFENCE EXCELLENCE AND SECURITY (IDEAS) PROGRAM



https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/programs/defence-ideas.html

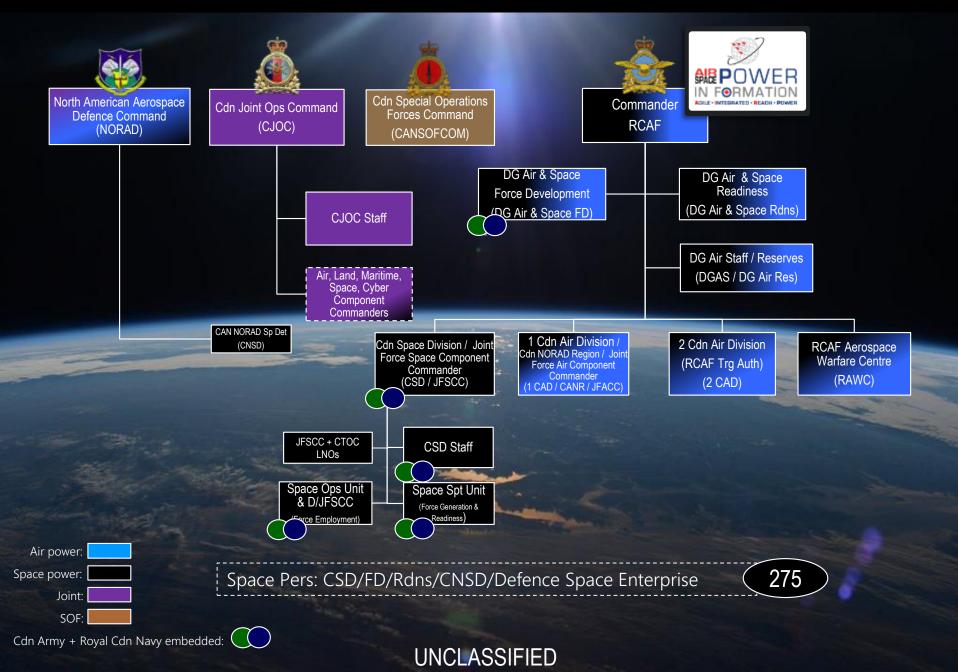
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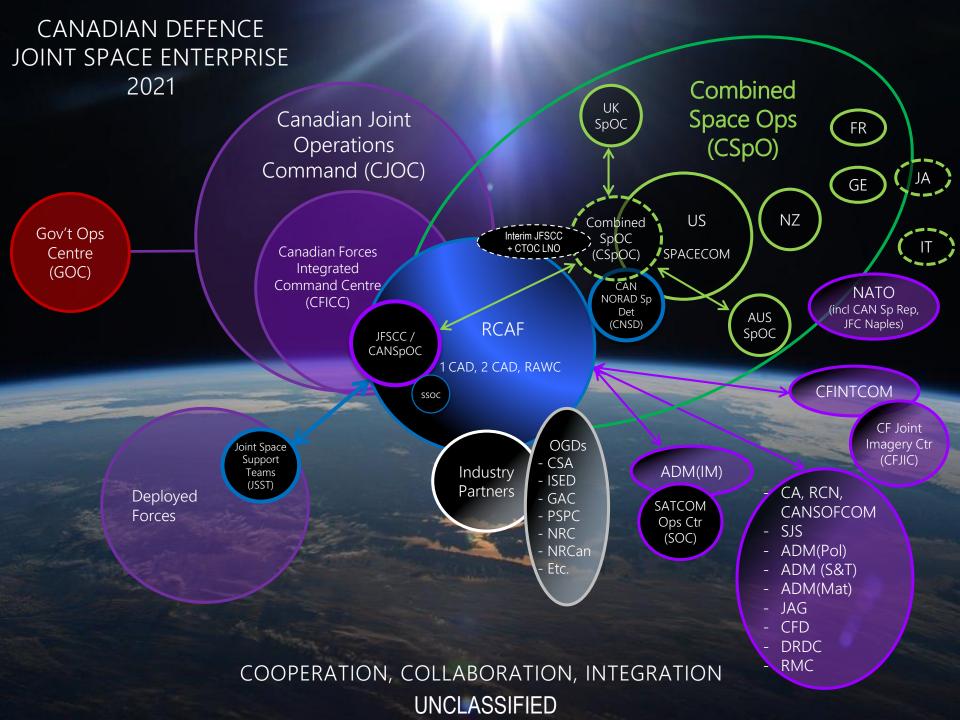
### SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS (SDA)

# ENGAGEMENTS, CURRENT AND FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS



#### CAF JOINT SPACE - 2024





# COMBINED SPACE OPERATIONS (CSPO) ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Royal Canadian Air Force 🤣 @RCAF\_ARC - Apr 18, 2020

"Destabilizing test activities can affect space safety/stability, which is essential for [+1], our partners and allies. It is more important than ever to advance norms of responsible behavior in space!" BGen Kevin Whale, CAF Space Component Commander

U.S. Space Command @ @US\_SpaceCom - Apr 15, 2020

It's a shared interest, responsibility of all spacefaring nations to create safe/stable/operationally sustainable conditions in #space. In this time of crisis, space systems support global logistics/transpo/comms to defeat #COVID19. go.usa.gov/xv8rH



Combined Space Operations initiative Principals from met on 13-14 Jan to continue work on a shared vision and mission to ensure the space domain remains safe, secure, and accessible to all.

rcaf.forces.gc.ca/en/space/partn...



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Royal Canadian Air Force @ @RCAF\_ARC - Jul 23, 2020

"Testing of space-based weapons on orbit destabilizes the space environment. Ensuring responsible behaviour in space is critical for Canada, our partners, allies and the broader global community." BGen Mike Adamson, CAF Space Component Commander



Russia conducts space-based anti-satellite weapons test

U.S. Space Command has evidence that Russia conducted a nondestructive test of a space-based anti-satellite weapon. On July 15, ...

& spacecom.mil



National Defence ② @NationalDefence · Aug 6, 2020



1:01 PM - Jan 15, 2021 - Twitter Web App

#### DND SPACE MOUS AND PARTNERSHIPS

All Space MOUs	#	<b>Partners</b>	Summary
PERSONNEL - Exchange of defence personnel	6	OGDs (CSA, ISED) & US	Agreement to provide on-site working assignments to selected military members, scientists, engineers and logisticians. Including CAF members' assignments as Astronauts.
RDT&E - Satellite bus and payloads, Command & Control Information Systems (C2I)	5	Allies (FEYEs)	Collaboration in research, development, testing, evaluation, and prototyping potentially leading to new and improved defense capabilities.
OPERATIONS - SATCOM, ISR, SSA, PNT, Search & Rescue	11	OGDs (CSA, NRCan, SSC) & Allies (FEYEs + DEN, LUX, NED, DEU, FR)	From sensor data sharing, development and operations of space effects, development & coordination infrastructure and mission command and control systems; and policy.

SDA specific partnerships: 10 MOUs & 5 SAs/PAs

# SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS (SDA) ROADMAP



#### Now, Space is... 25.0+ 5.0+ 2.0+ Resolution (meters) 0.6 0.5 Canada has ~60 satellites on orbit (commercial, civil, military); 0.4 ~55 active, 5 debris 0.3 >2200 active satellites Example: GEOINT Planned Expansion 23,000 tracked objects... **TODAY** Not to mention satellites for... Communication Position, Nav, Timing Missile Warning Weather ...plus >500,000 smaller objects we can't travelling at up to 36,000 km/hr Etc.

#### SDA & DENYING SPACE



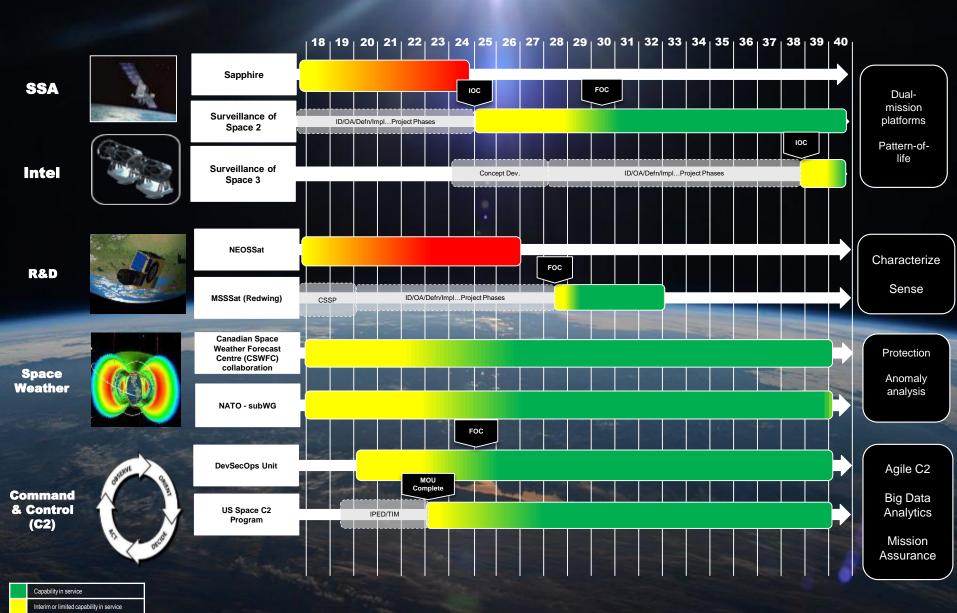


Source: "Competing in Space", National Air & Space Intelligence Center, December 2018

- Potential adversaries have developed a wide array of ground and space-based weapons to disrupt/deny commercial and military space systems:
  - Jamming of GPS and comms satellites
  - Blinding of ISR satellites using directed energy weapons
  - Anti-satellite missiles
  - Space-based on-orbit counter-space capabilities
  - Physical attacks against ground sites and infrastructure
  - Cyber attacks against space systems and infrastructure



#### SDA OVERALL PROGRAM 2040



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Ad-hoc capability available when possible

No capability available / risk of gap

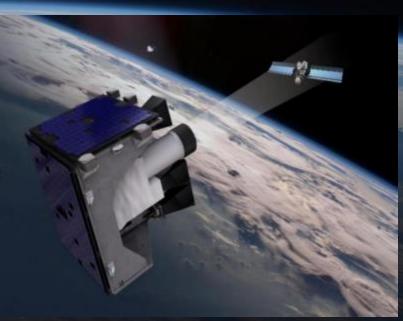
## CANADA'S CURRENT SSA CAPABILITY



# CANADIAN SPACE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

- Launched 25 February 2013
- Mass: ~ 148 kg
- Dimensions: ~ 1 m<sup>3</sup>
- Orbit: 784 km sun-synchronous
- Tracking Capability:
  - 360 objects per day (requirement)
  - >450 objects per day (proven)
- Field of View: 1.4 degrees
- Brightness Sensitivity:
  - Visual Magnitude 6 to 15 (requirement)
  - Visual Magnitude 16 (proven)
- Design life: 5 years (goal of 7)

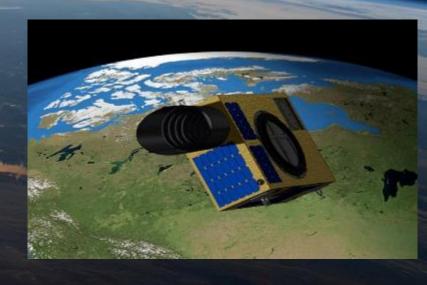




# NEAR-EARTH ORBIT SURVEILLANCE SATELLITE (R&D)

- Joint project between CSA and DRDC
- Dual mission microsatellite:
  - Asteroid astronomy, and
  - Space Situational Awareness (SSA) research
- Prime Contractor: Microsatellite Systems Canada Inc. (Missisauga, ON)
- Launched 25 February 2013
- Mass: 74 kg
- Dimensions: 137 × 78 × 38 cm
- Orbit: 792 km sun-synchronous





# CANADA'S FUTURE SDA CAPABILITY



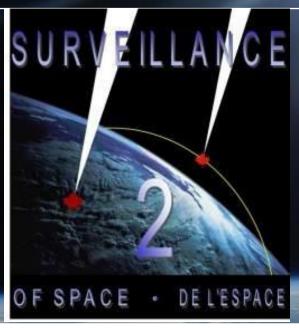


### SURVEILLANCE OF SPACE 2 PROJECT



- SofS 2 intends to deliver both a Ground-based Optical (GBO) sensor system as well as an Space-Based Optical (SBO) sensor system.
- SofS 2 will support both national and allied space surveillance missions

### SURVEILLANCE OF SPACE 2 (SOFS 2)



#### PROJECT SCOPE:

SofS 2 will enable the RCAF to continue performing deep space surveillance for the protection of Canadian deep space assets, mission assurance for space-based capabilities that support the CAF, and to ensure Canada is an active contributor to the operations of the US Space Surveillance Network (SSN). Preferred option consists of both Space-Based Optical (SBO) and Ground-Based Optical (GBO) systems.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Project Approval to enter the Definition (Def) phase in Fall 2021 in order to begin engineering studies and issue Requests for Proposals (RFP).

#### PROJECT STATUS:

- In Options Analysis
  - Def: Fall 2021

GBO

SBO

- Imp: 2024
- Imp: 2025
- IOC: 2025
- IOC: 2029
- FOC: 2026
- FOC: 2030
- **Preliminary Estimate** 
  - Total Project Value: \$100M-\$250M

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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# QUESTIONS?

#### For industry questions regarding SofS 2:

- Refer to the information available on buyandsell.gc.ca
- RFI W8474-207923/A (GBO) & RFI W8474-187639/B (SBO)
- Point of Contact: Alan Chan, PSPC



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