

# Russia planning new space platform

December 18 2007

---

Russia is developing a space platform from which missions to the moon and Mars could be launched, the Russian space agency said Tuesday.

Space agency head Anatoly Perminov said the project is expected to be up and working after 2020, with the first moon mission slated for 2025, the Russian information agency Novosti reported.

Perminov said any Mars mission, projected after 2035, is seen as an international effort because of the costs and technical expertise involved.

Once the International Space Station is decommissioned between 2016 and 2025, Russia plans to deploy a low-earth-orbit platform to be used to assemble spacecraft, Perminov said. He said Russia plans to continue using the ISS as a laboratory complex until 2020 although the United States says the facility should be scrapped by 2015.

*Copyright 2007 by United Press International*

Citation: Russia planning new space platform (2007, December 18) retrieved 25 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2007-12-russia-space-platform.html>

<p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p>
--