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## ESA Director General Jan Woerner meets the Press at IAC 2016

ESA Director General **Jan Woerner** will meet the media on **Tuesday 27 September 2016** between **15:00** and **16:00** in room **Desfilia**, at Expo Guadalajara during the 67<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress.

Prof. Woerner will give an overview of the programs to be proposed for adoption to Ministers in charge of space at the upcoming ESA Council meeting at Ministerial level, scheduled to take place on 1 and 2 December in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Space has experienced four distinct eras. It all started with Space 1.0, the time of astronomy (and astrology), followed by Space 2.0, the era of Vostok, Apollo and the space race; then came Space 3.0, the era of the International Space Station (ISS) and international cooperation; today we are living through Space 4.0, a period in which a whole new space dimension is taking shape: space more relaxed, fascinating, all-embracing. We are seeing much more participation by society at large, an increased number of spacefaring nations, the advent of commercialization resulting in new roles for industry and space agencies alike. The interests served are no longer just public, but also private and, at the same time, we are witnessing the emergence of space tourism.

ESA is ready to take on new challenges and fully embrace this new space era, seeing strategic challenges as opportunities for European space activities and continuing to innovate, inform, inspire and interact.

Members of the press are invited to save the date, and register to ensure that they receive accreditation. Please send confirmation of your registration to [abed.aldaas@iafastro.org](mailto:abed.aldaas@iafastro.org) so that we can ensure that you are properly accredited.

