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## The GLAC 2018 High-Level Panel on Space Applications for Socio-Economic Growth

On Monday 21 May 2018, the High-Level Panel on '**Space Applications for Socio-Economic Growth**' will take place from 15:45 - 17:30 at the **Global Space Applications Conference (GLAC) 2018**, in Montevideo, Uruguay.

This High Level Panel moderated by **John Horack**, Professor and Neil Armstrong Chair at The Ohio State University – College of Engineering, will see the interventions of: **Roberto Battiston**, President of the Italian Space Agency (ASI), **Raul Kulichevsky**, Deputy Executive and Technical Director of the Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales (CONAE), **Jean-Yves Le Gall**, President of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), **Fernanda Lins Leal Uchôa de Lima**, Space Application Officer at the Brazilian Space Agency (AEB), **Francisco Javier Mendieta Jiménez**, General Director of the Mexican Space Agency (AEM), **Pascale Ehrenfreund**, Chair of the Executive Board of the German Aerospace Center (DLR), **Sergey Krikalev**, Executive Director of Piloted Spaceflights at ROSCOSMOS, **Valanathan Munsami**, Chief Executive Officer of the South African National Space Agency (SANSA), **Guillermo Salvatierra**, CEO and CTO of FRONTEC S.A., and **Kai-Uwe Schrogl**, Chief Strategy Officer at the European Space Agency (ESA).

This two-part panel discussion will address some of the key drivers of space applications in today's developed and emerging economies and articulate how space is being used around the world for socio-economic growth today, and in the future. The conversation will particularly focus on the application of space for positive outcomes in Central and South America and cultivate discussion on innovative partnerships and collaborations to help further the benefits of space applications for socio-economic growth of all people everywhere. Since the opening of the space frontier, with the launch of Sputnik in 1957, Space has become a utility in our daily lives, an essential and foundational ingredient for civilization. Space applications are fundamental contributors to stable societies, and to the growth of these societies, their economies, and the well-being of their citizens. The distribution of space applications and their impacts, however, are unequal – as is the distribution of economic, social, educational, and quality-of-life opportunities around the world – creating both challenges and opportunities for economic and social growth around the world.

Right before, from 15:30 - 15:45, **Fernando Brum**, President of the National Research and Innovation Agency (ANII), will address a keynote on the importance of Open Innovation, its core framework conditions and Uruguay's main innovation highlights. Following an historical perspective, the presentation will stress the evolution, scope and effects that innovation activities have in contemporary societies and will present different innovation types. In addition, it will analyze the importance of strategic partnerships as key instruments to support economic growth.

All Plenary Sessions and Keynotes are on the agenda and available on the [IAF's website](#) - It includes details of the plenaries, plenary speakers and leaders from Space Agencies and Space Industries. As well, the full conference programme is also available on the IAF App. As soon as you join the GLAC event, you will have access to the GLAC programme.

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 [media@iafastro.org](mailto:media@iafastro.org) so that we can ensure that you are properly accredited.

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