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Recipe for Success: Seamless Integration between Industry, Government, and the Next Generation

Technology and skills development was the first topic of Thursday 25 April, second day of GLEC 2019. The session was moderated by **Rania Toukebri** from the Space Generation Advisory Council and the youngest moderator of the Conference. Keynote speaker **Juan de Dalmau**, President of the International Space University, emphasized that space industries should provide knowledge and actively support governments in developing their space plans. Panellist **Tidiane Ouattara**, African Union Commission, who during his keynote on the first day stated that *“Africa is the new Eldorado for Space”*, also reminded the audience that for space developing countries, *“the real challenge is not capacity building but capacity realization”*. **Jörg Feustel-Büechl**, European Space Veteran and presently Consultant, identified two ways in which space-faring nations can support developing nations: first of all by *“enhancing cooperation and not only by selling products”*; and secondly by sharing the invaluable know-how and successful models of well-established Business Incubation Centers, such as the European Space Agency BIC.

The second session, a panel on base infrastructure requirements, moderated by **Krystal Wilson**, Secure World Foundation, welcomed distinguished speakers. **Agnieszka Lukaszczyk**, Planet, encouraged emerging nations to thoroughly look at their specific needs and to *“procure data, services and applications that will truly benefit the region”* before adding: *“don’t do space for the sake of space but for the sake of your citizens and country”*. In the same spirit, **Adnan Alrais**, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Center, underlined the value of the human factor declaring that *“the focus is not only on the physical infrastructure but also on the people building it and using it”*.

To conclude the morning, the IDEA “3G” Diversity Lunch featured a special keynote by **Widad Elkachradi**, an 18 year-old Moroccan student of the National School of Applied Sciences of Agadir. She passionately shared her excitement for astronautics and her inspiring experience as one of twelve Moroccan who was selected to participate in the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville.

The afternoon kicked-off with an exclusive keynote by **Klaus-Peter Willsch**, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group on Aeronautics and Space of the German Bundestag. He focused his presentation on the role of Parliaments in support of space activities and declared that *“Parliamentarians have to be encouraged to invest more in space in the interest of the young people and emerging countries”*.

In the afternoon, the next generation of space leaders gathered for a seminar, co-organized with the Space Generation Advisory Council – SGAC. Various stimulating keynotes preceded intense and energetic discussions both in the working groups and on the final panel. **Anita Antwiwaa**, Head of Operations for ANU SSTL, spoke about the importance of education to involve the younger generation in space activities and boldly reminded the older generation *“that they should care”*.

