



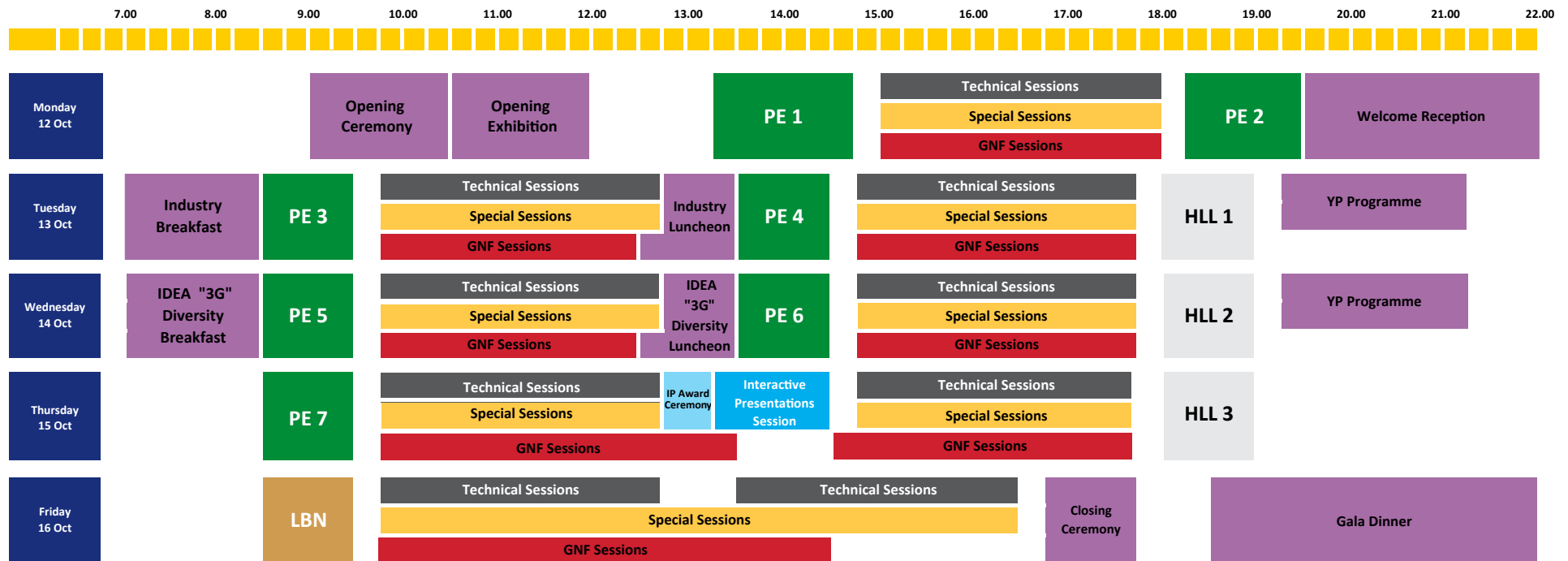
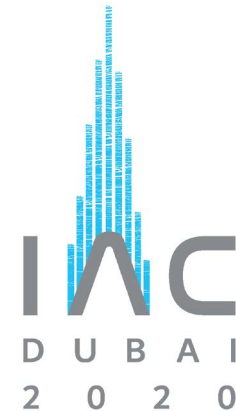
HOW TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE IAC

The International Astronautical Congress (IAC) is a five day congress taking place during the September/October timeframe each year in a different location around the world. The upcoming IAC 2020 will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, between 12-16 October 2020.

The IAC is not only a Congress, but a gathering of the international space community that, every year, contributes to and shape a different and exciting programme. There are several different ways that you can actively be part of the congress and this guide will help you better understand which role you can play at the IAC and the various deadlines to meet. Here below you can find the IAC Congress at a Glance with the general schedule for the main IAC events: Plenaries, GNF Sessions, Technical Sessions, Special Sessions and the Interactive Presentations Session.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the IAF Secretariat at info@iafastro.org

Be Part of the Conversation at IAC 2020!





*Calls to Open
22 November 2019!*

BECOME AN ACTOR AT IAC 2020

PLENARY PROGRAMME

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

Plenary Events



GNF Sessions



Technical Sessions



Special Sessions



Who can Apply?

IAF Member Organizations
representatives

IAF Member Organizations or
newly applying Member
Organizations

Open to Everyone

Open to Everyone

How to Apply?

Fill in Plenary Application
Form and send to
iacplenary@iafastro.org

Fill in GNF Application
Form and submit to
gnf@iafastro.org

Fill in online Abstract
Submission Form at
www.iafastro.net

Fill in online Special Session
Application Form at
www.iafastro.net

Who Selects?

IPC Steering Group

IAF Vice President for GNF

International Programme
Committee (IPC)

IPC Steering Group

**When is the Deadline
to Apply?**

31 January 2020

30 April 2020
(Upon Availabilities)

28 February 2020

13 February 2020

PLENARY PROGRAMME

ELEMENTS



Plenary Events

Restricted to IAF Member Organizations' representatives
No other events in parallel

IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF)

Restricted to current or newly applying IAF Member Organizations

Topic to be of interest to a **large** segment of Congress attendees



500-1000 Delegates

12 Total Slots
7 PEs
2/3 HLLs
1/2 LBNs

Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics (Industry, Exploration, Next Generation, Emerging Countries, Environment...)
- Event Format:
 - PEs: 4/7 Speakers and a Moderator
 - HLLs: 1/2 Speakers and a Moderator
 - LBNs: flexible format
- Originality of the proposal, as compared to recent IAC Plenary Events
- Timeliness of the topic with respect to current events in Astronautics
- Relevance of the proposal to the theme of the congress
- Quality and profiles of the proposed presenters
- Ability of the proposers and organizers to obtain the proposed presenters and execute a quality event



200-400 Delegates

+/- 40 slots

Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics (Industry, Exploration, Culture, Diversity, Legal and Policy, Development, etc.)
- Event format:
 - panel discussion
 - lecture/keynote
 - workshop
 - competitions
 - corporate promotional events
- Relevance of the proposal to the theme of the congress
- Quality and originality of the proposal
- Relevance with regards to the current space sector developments
- Ability of the organizers to obtain the proposed speakers and execute a quality event
- Possibility for the organizer to sponsor the session

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

ELEMENTS



Technical Sessions (TS) & Interactive Presentations (IP)

Special Sessions (SpS)

Open for everyone

Open for everyone

Topic to be of interest to a **targeted** segment of the Congress attendees



50-250 Delegates



20-200 Delegates

TS: +/- 1700 slots
IP: +/- 500 slots

+/- 20 slots

Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics
 - Science and Exploration
 - Applications and Operations
 - Technology
 - Infrastructure
 - Space and Society
- Direct applicability of the abstract submission to astronautics
- Scientific merit, originality and attractiveness of the subject
- Compliance with the word count and format requirements for abstracts
- Event Format:
 - oral presentation of 10-20 minutes
 - interactive presentation of 10 minutes

Evaluation Criteria:

- Multidisciplinary topic
- Novelty and originality of the topic
- Innovative event format:
 - panel discussion
 - group discussion
 - workshop
 - campfire
 - fishbowl
 - sprints
- Focus on audience engagement
- Quality of contents
- Qualification and experience of the organizers
- Relevance to the theme of the Congress