



## *2022 IAF's IPMC Young Professionals Workshop*

Saturday 17 September 2022, Paris, France

The International Astronautical Federation's (IAF) International Project/Programme Management Committee (IPMC) Young Professionals Workshop will be hosted at the annual International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in its 73<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Paris.

The workshop seeks to **gather input from young professionals** in the international space community to gain the knowledge needed to better **develop and empower the next-generation workforce** and build on work done at previous congresses.

IAF affiliated organisations are invited to nominate delegates for this workshop and represent their views in this international forum. The **Call for Delegates** and **Statement of Work** will soon be available on the [workshop page](#) of the IAF website.

**Delegates** for this workshop must actively engage in the IAC on the day of the workshop as well as attend the remainder of the IAC. Young professionals must be aged 35 years and under and have at least one year's experience on a project team and/or in the aerospace industry. A diversity of backgrounds (e.g. engineering, management, science, etc.) is encouraged in order to produce thoughtful and well-rounded discussions, observations and recommendations that will be presented to the IPMC. Delegates will be working in teams on the workshop topics via skype, email, webex, etc. prior to the workshop. It is envisioned that this work will kick off in early May 2022.

For the 2022 workshop, the Workshop Organising Committee and IPMC are finalizing research topics that will include the following areas:

- Commercial space: challenges and opportunities
- Digital Transformation and Digital Governance
- Project management and workforce wellbeing in a VUCA world
- International cooperation and organizational diversity in space projects
- Sustainability of space projects

The exact Topic titles and descriptions will be available in the Statement of Work. Young Professionals are encouraged to use their first-hand experience, their informed opinions and their fresh ideas to provide an insightful analysis of the research areas.

The final results will be compiled and distributed to the IPMC members, to all IAF member organizations and to the general public, with the confidence that workshop outcomes will contribute to foster the strength and ability of space organizations to develop and empower the next generation workforce.

This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to bring forward meaningful original contribution to an international open forum covering influential topics.

Additional information on the IAF and the IPMC can be found at the [IAF website](#) as well as [IAC 2022](#).

The 2021 topics were: *Management of remote collaboration in the space industry, Attracting and managing diversity in order to create successfully inclusive teams, Knowledge management for the Generation Z, Project management practices for enabling short term and rapid turnaround activities for space projects, Successful outreach practices in the space sector.*

The full report of these topics with its findings and recommendations is now available on the [workshop page](#).

Additional queries can be directed to: [ipmc.y.p.workshop@gmail.com](mailto:ipmc.y.p.workshop@gmail.com).

Kind regards,  
The Workshop Organizing Committee (WOC)