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IAC 2017 Heads Of Agencies Plenary

On **Monday 25 September 2017** from **13:30 – 15:00** there will be a **prominent plenary with world space agency leaders**. The theme for this year's plenary is **"Business before Science or Science before Business"**.

Participating Heads of Agencies will be: **Jean-Yves Le Gall**, IAF President and President of the **CNES** (France); **Jan Woerner**, Director General of the **ESA** (Europe); **Igor Komarov**, Head of **ROSCOSMOS** (Russia); **Sylvain Laporte**, President of the **CSA** (Canada); **Robert Lightfoot**, Associate Administrator & Acting-Administrator of **NASA** (United States); **Naoki Okumura**, President of **JAXA** (Japan).

They will present and discuss the focus of their respective agency on new forms of business partnerships and traditional science activities.

The event will be divided into 3 main sections. During the first part, the Heads of Agency will be requested to give a 3-4 minutes presentation. In the second part, the Heads of Agency will be presented with a series of questions by the moderator, engaging them into a lively discussion. The Plenary will conclude with an interactive session with the audience.

More information on the Plenary Programme is available [here](#).

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 so that we can ensure that you are properly accredited.

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