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Innovative Methods for Assured and Secure Access to Space Resources at IAC 2017

On **Wednesday 27 September 2017** from **08:30 – 09:30**, the IAC 2017 will welcome the next generation of space leaders for a Plenary on "**Innovative Methods for Assured and Secure Access to Space Resources**".

The global economy and security of many nations depends on assured and secure access to space resources that provide communications, timing and navigation services and remote sensing data. There are many threats to this assured and secure access including space debris, hacking, space weather, ground environment, unexpected spacecraft-to-spacecraft interference (e.g. EMI), ground system uplink/downlink interference, and unstable economic and political situations. There are industry, academia, agency, national, and international efforts under way to address this broad spectrum of human-made and environmental challenges.

In this plenary, moderated by **Michael K. Simpson**, Executive Director, Secure World Foundation, students and young professionals (approximately 35% of the IAC attendees) who are contributing to these efforts and working on how to recognize, detect, prevent, avoid, and overcome these challenges as well as addressing the legal and economic systems necessary in managing the space environment will engage in a panel discussion with other students and young professionals from around the world and interact with the audience while discussing their efforts in addressing and managing these challenges to make the space environment safe for everyone to operate in.

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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