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The Preservation of Natural Resources through Space at GLAC 2018

On Tuesday 22 May 2018, a Plenary on 'The Preservation of Natural Resources through Space' will take place from 16:15 - 17:30 at the Global Space Applications Conference (GLAC) 2018, in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The session, moderated by **Beatrice Barresi**, Applications Engineer, European Space Agency (ESA), will focus on the added-value of space-based data to support a sustainable use and management of natural resources. The definition of natural resources is maintained broad as it includes: hydrocarbons but also water bodies, soil, atmosphere etc. The session will offer practical examples of projects where space is pivotal for monitoring, exploiting and preserving natural resources. These examples can cover a variety of domains, such as safety, energy, environment, transportation, health, etc. The objective of each project has been tailored according to real needs of the user communities.

Alejandro de Fuentes Talice, Professor of Aeronautics and Space Law, Aeronautic Military School (EMA), Andy Lucas, Managing Director, Property Assure, Isao Kotani, Deputy Director of the "Washington Office", Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Christiane Schmullius (invited), Chair Professor, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena and Adnan Alrais, Director of Remote Sensing, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) will participate in the discussion.

Right before, from 16:00 - 16:15, a special keynote on the same topic will be given by **Gunter Schreier**, Head Business Development – Deputy Director, German Aerospace Center (DLR).

All Plenary Sessions and Keynotes are on the agenda and available on the <u>IAF's website</u> - It includes details of the plenaries, plenary speakers and leaders from Space Agencies and Space Industries. As well, the full conference programme is also available on the IAF App. As soon as you join the GLAC event, you will have access to the GLAC programme.

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 media@iafastro.org so that we can ensure that you are properly accredited.

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