



**14<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting  
for  
Ministers and Members of Parliaments  
Programme**

***Space the Indispensable Ally for  
Decision-Makers***

- Sunday 13 October 2024 -

***Aula Consiliare, Pirelli Tower, seat of the Lombardy Region  
Council***

*Via Fabio Filzi, 22,  
20124, Milan, Italy*



# Ministry and Parliamentary Programme

**Sunday, 13 October 2024**

*The Meeting will take place in the Aula Consiliare of the Pirelli Tower, seat of the Lombardy Regional Council*

**09:00 Welcome Coffee**

**09:25 Group Picture**

**09:30 Welcome Remarks**

- **Minister Adolfo Urso**, Minister for Enterprises and Made in Italy, Host Country of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments
- **Clay Mowry**, President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- **Hon. Andrea Mascaretti**, Head, Italian Space Economy Parliamentary Inter-Group, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Host Country of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments
- **Federico Romani**, President of the Council of the Lombardy Region, Host Country of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments
- **Guido Guidesi**, Councillor for Economic Development of the Lombardy Region, Host Country of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments
- **Dominique Tilmans**, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentarian and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremony of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Meeting, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

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## **10:15 Session 1: *The sustainability of space activities needs international coordination***

To maximize the benefits of current space applications and innovate new technologies, it is crucial to preserve and protect the outer space environment. This goal requires international coordination and the establishment of standards to ensure safe practices in space. Norms and improved understanding of safe practices in space will allow actors to promulgate new applications to help study, track, understand, and protect planet Earth for future generations.

*Presentation and Moderation by **Teodoro Valente**, President, Italian Space Agency (ASI)*

*Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

- *Minister Erki Keldo, Minister of Economy and Industry of the Republic of Estonia*
- *H.E Minister, Ahmad Belhoul Alfalasi, Minister of Sports and Chairman of UAE Space Agency, United Arab Emirates*
- *Dr. Orsolya Ferencz, Ministerial Commissioner for Space Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary*
- *Hon. Esther Basilia Del Brío González, Economic speaker at the GPP group, Senate of Spain*
- *Hon. Vugar Bayramov, Member of Parliament, Milli Mejlis, National Assembly Republic of Azerbaijan*
- *Hon. Zeynep Yildiz, Member of Parliament, Parliament of Türkiye*
- *Hon. Pierre Henriet, Député de Vendé, Assemblée Nationale, France*

*Roundtable Discussion*

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## **11:15 Session 2: *Climate Change – Space solutions, the key at all levels: national, regional, urban and rural***

The climate crisis is one of the most important global challenges of our time, impacting ecosystems, economies and societies around the world. Earth observation technology and space solutions play a key role in this effort, providing crucial data to monitor and respond to the impacts of climate change and not only. Global policymakers are increasingly integrating it into their management, whether it is water, energy, the fight against deforestation, air pollution, agriculture, public services, health, etc. Space solutions are valuable help to manage a country, a region, a city and develop new business activities.

*Presentation and Moderation by **Simonetta Cheli**, Director of Earth Observation Programmes and Head of ESRIN, European Space Agency (ESA)*

*Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

- *Minister Dimitri Papastergiou, Minister of Digital Governance of Greece*
- *Dr. Anna Christmann, Aerospace Coordinator, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany*
- *Mr. Tomas Norvoll, State Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries of Norway*
- *Mr. Jānis Paiders, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia*
- *Hon. Hans Andersen, Member of Folketinget, Parliament of Denmark*
- *Hon. Javier Maroto, First Vice President, Senate of Spain*
- *Hon. Lene Westgaard-Halle, Member of Storting, Parliament of Norway*
- *Hon. Marius Humelnicu, Secretary of the Romanian Senate and Member of the Communications, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Committee (C-IT&IA Committee), Senate of Romania*

*Roundtable Discussion*

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## **12:15 Session 3: *Risk and Disaster Management – Space solutions, a response in the disaster management cycle helping Decision-Makers***

With the rise in extreme natural events, the ability to monitor vast regions, predict weather, and evaluate damage after disasters has become crucial for all administrations.

Fortunately, space solutions offer quick and dependable tools to mitigate and prevent such disasters. Therefore, recognizing the vital role of space in risk management and fostering cooperation to access space solutions is now essential for policymakers.

*Presentation and Moderation by **Rodrigo Da Costa**, Executive Director, European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)*

### *Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

- *Mr. Waldemar Ślugoński, Secretary of State and Chairman of the Polish Space Group, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Poland*
- *Georgios Komodromos, Permanent Secretary Deputy Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy of Cyprus*
- *Hon. Klaus Peter Willsch, Chairman Aviation and Space Group of the Bundestag, Germany*

### *Roundtable Discussion*

## **13:15 Closing Remarks**

- **Dominique Tilmans**, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentary and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremony of the 14<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Meeting, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)



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**13:30 Lunch Break**

**14:30 14<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Event Press Conference**

**19:00 IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments  
Cocktail and Dinner**  
***Belvedere Terrace Silvio Berlusconi, Palazzo Regione Lombardia***  
***Entrance: Viale Francesco Restelli 6, 20124 Milan, Italy***



# Ministry and Parliamentary Programme

**Monday, 14 October 2024**

*The IAC 2024 will take place in the MiCo Allianz Convention Centre located in Piazzale Carlo Magno, 1/Gate 16, 20149 Milano MI, Italia*

**08:30 - 09:15 VIP Gathering**

*Gold Hall Lounge, MiCo Convention Centre (IAC 2024 venue)*

**09:30 - 11:00 IAC 2024 Opening Ceremony**

*Gold Hall, MiCo Convention Centre*

*Reserved VIP Seats for the MMoPs*

**11:15 - 12:15 Exhibition Opening**

*Exhibition Area, MiCo Convention Centre*

**12:30 - 13:30 VIP Luncheon** – Tower Lounge, MiCo Convention Centre

**13:45 - 15:15 Plenary Event 1: One to One with Heads of Agencies**

*Auditorium, MiCo Convention Centre*

**15:15 - 18:00 Free time to visit the Exhibition and attending the IAF GNFs Sessions**

**18:15 - 19:15 Plenary Event 2: Responsible and Sustainable Space**

**Exploration: Moon to Mars**

*Auditorium, MiCo Convention Centre*

**19:30 - 22:30 IAC 2024 Welcome Reception** – MiCo Convention Centre



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**Tuesday, 15 October 2024**

**08:00 - 08:45 Industry Breakfast**

Tower Lounge, MiCo Convention Centre

**09:00 – 10:00 Plenary Event 3: New Lunar Frontiers: How the Non-Space Industry is Unlocking Future Markets**

Auditorium, MiCo Convention Centre

**10:00 – 12:30** *Free time to visit the Exhibition and attending the IAF GNFS Sessions and other portions of the IAC 2024 Programme*

**12:30 – 13:30 Industry VIP Luncheon** – Tower Lounge, MiCo Convention Centre