



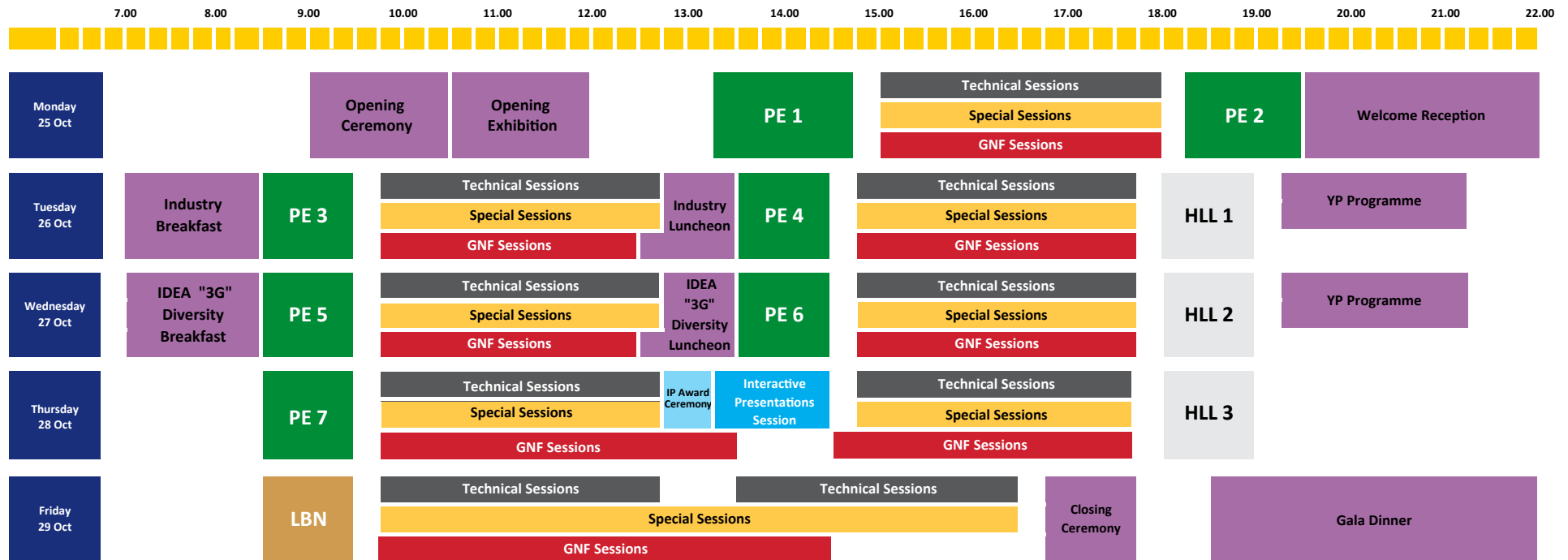
# HOW TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE IAC

The International Astronautical Congress (IAC) is a five day congress taking place during the September/October timeframe each year in a different location around the world. The upcoming IAC 2021 will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, between 25-29 October 2021.

The IAC is not only a Congress, but a gathering of the international space community that, every year, contributes to and shape a different and exciting programme. There are several different ways that you can actively be part of the congress and this guide will help you better understand which role you can play at the IAC and the various deadlines to meet. Here below you can find the IAC Congress at a Glance with the general schedule for the main IAC events: Plenaries, GNF Sessions, Technical Sessions, Special Sessions and the Interactive Presentations Session.

Should you have any questions or any doubts on where your submission would be most suitable within the IAC programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the IAF Secretariat at [info@iafastro.org](mailto:info@iafastro.org)

Be Part of the Conversation at IAC 2021!





**Calls to open  
4 November 2021!**

# BECOME AN ACTOR AT IAC 2021

## Plenary Events



## GNF Sessions



## Technical Sessions



## Special Sessions



**Who can Apply?**

IAF Member Organizations representatives

IAF Member Organizations or newly applying Member Organizations

Open to Everyone

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**How to Apply?**

Fill in Plenary Application Form and send to [iacplenary@iafastro.org](mailto:iacplenary@iafastro.org)

Fill in GNF Application Form and submit to [gnf@iafastro.org](mailto:gnf@iafastro.org)

Fill in online Abstract Submission Form at [www.iafastro.net](http://www.iafastro.net)

Fill in online Special Session Application Form at [www.iafastro.net](http://www.iafastro.net)

**Who Selects?**

IPC Steering Group

IAF Vice President for GNF

International Programme Committee (IPC)

IPC Steering Group

**When is the Deadline to Apply?**

12 February 2021

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28 February 2021

12 February 2021

*Please note that each proposal shall only be submitted once to either a Plenary, GNF or SpS session. Proposals that are submitted multiple times will automatically be disqualified.*

# PLENARY PROGRAMME

## ELEMENTS



### Plenary Events

Restricted to IAF Member Organizations' representatives  
No other events in parallel

### IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF)

Restricted to current or newly applying IAF Member Organizations

Topic to be of interest to a **large** segment of Congress attendees



300-1000 Delegates

12 Total Slots  
7 PEs  
2/3 HLLs  
1/2 LBNs

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Proposed topic (Industry, Exploration, Next Generation, Emerging Countries, Environment, Other)
- Event Format:
  - PEs: 4/7 Speakers and a Moderator
  - HLLs: 1/2 Speakers and a Moderator
  - LBNs: flexible format
- Originality of the proposal, as compared to recent IAC Plenary Events
- Timeliness of the topic with respect to current developments in the space sector
- Relevance of the proposal to the theme of the congress
- Quality and expertise of the proposed presenters
- Ability of the proposers and organizers to obtain the proposed presenters and execute a quality event

More Info [HERE](#)



100-300 Delegates

+/- 25 slots

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics (Industry, Exploration, Culture, Diversity, Legal and Policy, Development, etc.)
- Event format:
  - panel discussions
  - keynote lectures
  - workshops
  - pitch competitions
  - corporate promotional events
- Relevance of the proposal to the theme of the congress
- Quality and originality of the proposal
- Relevance with regards to the current space sector developments
- Ability of the organizers to obtain the proposed speakers and execute a quality event
- Possibility for the organizer to sponsor the session

More Info [HERE](#)

# TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

## ELEMENTS



### Technical Sessions (TS) & Interactive Presentations (IP)

### Special Sessions (SpS)

*Open for everyone*

*Open for everyone*

Topic to be of interest to a **targeted** segment of the Congress attendees



50-250 Delegates



20-200 Delegates

TS: +/- 1700 slots  
IP: +/- 500 slots

+/- 20 slots

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics
  - Science and Exploration
  - Applications and Operations
  - Technology
  - Infrastructure
  - Space and Society
- Direct applicability of the abstract submission to astronautics
- Scientific merit, originality and attractiveness of the subject
- Compliance with the word count and format requirements for abstracts
- Event Format:
  - oral presentation of 10-20 minutes
  - interactive presentation of 10 minutes

#### Evaluation Criteria:

- Innovative event format:
  - workshop
  - campfire
  - fishbowl
  - samoan circle
  - design sprint
  - open options (panels will not be considered)
- Special Sessions shall complement the regular Technical Programme with multidisciplinary topics that highlight current scientific and technical trends in space
- Participatory session focusing on audience engagement
- Quality of contents
- Relevance to the theme of the Congress

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