# 74th INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS





Global Challenges and Opportunities:
Give Space a Chance

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# The International Astronautical Congress (IAC)

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The world's premier global space event

# What is the IAC?

The IAC is the one place and time of the year where all global space actors come together. The event attracts more than 5,000 participants each year.

Covering all space sectors and topics, it offers everyone the latest space information and developments in academia and industry, networking opportunities, contacts and potential partnerships.

Each year, the IAC changes country, theme and local organizer, enabling all to learn more about, and be a part of the world space scene.

### What is the IAC 2023 about?

The International Astronautical Congress returns to Baku, Azerbaijan after exactly half a century since 1973 saw the first hosting of the Congress in this wonderful city. This year, the global space community will convene in Baku once again for the 74<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Astronautical Congress.

Engaging and pressing topics within the field of space as well as the latest developments, achievements and insights will be the backbone of the discussions to be held during the IAC 2023 under the theme of "Global Challenges and Opportunities: Give Space a Chance".

Apart from the established IAC programme with plenty of interesting sessions and interactive presentations, the participants will have an opportunity to indulge in a variety of social and technical tours to be organized. These will certainly remain with you for a long time with unique and authentic activities you can experience only in Azerbaijan while learning about the space legacy and current industry developments in the country.

The event venue deserves a special recognition - the IAC 2023 will be held at the Baku Convention Complex comprising the futuristic Baku Convention Centre, the magnificent Heydar Aliyev Centre designed by prominent architect Zaha Hadid, and the Exhibition Pavilion assembled specifically for this event, all within short walking distance from one another.

Visit www.iac2023.org for the latest updates on what to expect on 2-6 October 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan!



# Who is the IAC for?

- Scientists, Researchers and Engineers:
   Present your latest work during the Technical Sessions and keep up to date on global developments.
- Agency Officials: Highlight your latest news, interact with and get feedback from the full range of space stakeholders.
- Industry Representatives: Showcase your latest innovations and strike new partnerships.
- Students and Young Professionals: A dedicated programme provides you with maximum networking and career development opportunities.
- Policy-Makers: See how space services can be the answer to a range of national and international needs and challenges.

- Astronauts: Share your experience and vision for space exploration with one of the most heterogeneous audiences world-wide.
- Press Members: Hear the latest on space develop-ments and exploration, direct from the world's leading space actors.
- **General Public:** Learn more about the global space community, its science and key actors.
- Local Organizer: Attract the global space community and highlight your country's space activities.

# Registration

Online Registration for IAC 2023 is open. Register by the 2<sup>nd</sup> June to benefit from the Early Bird registration rates!

To register and for more information, please visit:

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www.iac2023.org/registration/



# What does it consist of?

#### **Public Programme**

The Public Programme features the IAC biggest events, such as the IAC Opening Ceremony, IAC Closing Ceremony and all activities open to the general public.

#### **Technical Programme**

Presenting scientific and technological breakthroughs, Technical Sessions, Interactive Presentations and Special Sessions provide the latest advances in space science, research, technology, exploration, regulation and education. More than 2,000 papers are presented annually.

#### **Plenary Programme**

High-level speakers present the latest trends and insights in space research, technology and exploration. During thematic Plenaries, Highlight Lectures and Late Breaking News sessions, experts discuss and answer questions on the latest space developments.

#### **IAF Global Networking Forum (IAF GNF)**

A global, comprehensive and appealing platform fostering the interaction and the discussion with small & medium-sized enterprises, R&D institutions, universities and larger organizations through the diversity of its events, tailored according to the stakeholder's needs.

#### **Associated and Side Events**

Such as the UN/IAF Workshop, the International Platform for Diversity and Equality in Astronautics (IDEA) events, the IAF International Meeting for Members of Parliaments (MOP), the IAF Public Speaking & Presentations Skills Lab, the Space Generation Congress (SGC), the IAC Hosts Summit as well as several IAF workshops for students and young professionals. These complement the diverse IAC programme, covering niche topics or the needs of dedicated stakeholders within the space community.

#### **Exhibition**

Where all actors of the space sector showcase their latest work, and hold business networking events.

#### **Social Programme**

Introducing the local space and cultural environment.

# **Sponsorship and Exhibition**

The IAC is a unique opportunity to be seen, heard and appreciated by one of the biggest and widest space audiences worldwide. There are multiple opportunities to get involved and be visible in the organization or programme of the Congress.

For detailed information on sponsorship opportunities and exhibition at IAC 2023 see <a href="www.iac2023.org">www.iac2023.org</a> or contact us at <a href="mailto:sponsor-exhibit@iac2023.org">sponsor-exhibit@iac2023.org</a>

# Baku, Azerbaijan

Dubbed a city of contrasts, Baku is a perfect location to experience the harmonious blend and amalgamation of both the charms of East and West. A modern and buzzing cosmopolitan city crisscrossed by historic monuments and ancient heritage sites that seamlessly blend with the contemporary skyline, the capital of Azerbaijan provides the most convenient atmosphere for its visitors, reflecting the values of integrity, inclusivity, sustainability, and multiculturalism in its daily life.

From admiring the UNESCO World Heritage sites and modern architectural gems to immersing in genuine cultural aspects, strolling down the seaside promenade, savoring delicious local cuisine and enjoying a vibrant nightlife, travelling to Baku will be once-in-a-lifetime experience for the IAC participants, whether they are history buffs, culture and arts enthusiasts, gastronomy afficionados or those in search of new adventures.

Visiting Baku for the IAC, you will, beyond doubt, be inspired and left in awe by the many opportunities this unique city has to offer.



#### The Actors Behind the IAC

The IAC is a joint effort between the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and a local Host.

The IAF organizes and coordinates the overall programme of the Congress. Some elements of the IAC programme are prepared with the support of the IAF Partners – the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) who contribute to the IAC through their particular events and symposia.

The Host, coordinates the logistical elements of the Congress, ensuring that local space actors and developments, and the local culture and customs become an integral part of the event.

#### **Organizer: International Astronautical Federation (IAF)**

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation is the world's leading space advocacy organization with over 468 members from 75 countries including all major space agencies, companies, research institutions, universities, space museums, societies and associations worldwide.

Dedicated to "a space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity", the Federation advances and promotes space cooperation, knowledge and achievements.

Supported by over 40 committees gathering more than 1,000 world space experts, the IAF coordinates the International Astronautical Congress as well as the Global Space Conferences, several regional activities, and various programmes for students and young professionals. The Federation also recognizes global space achievements through its prestigious international awards.

#### Connecting @ll Space People

#### Host: Azercosmos, Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Azercosmos, Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, is the leading force behind the development of the space ecosystem in Azerbaijan. Founded as the first and only satellite operator in the Caucasus region, it has been successfully providing high quality and reliable services to partners across the globe.

Apart from delivering a broad spectrum of services and solutions via its satellite fleet, Azercosmos also engages in a wide range of R&D activities with the aim of fostering the technological advancement, builds the local know-how, cooperates with international stakeholders to ensure the establishment and strengthening of collaborative ties in the space industry, participates in major global projects to expand knowledge and experience exchange.

Committed to creating a better-connected and secure world for future generations, Azercosmos aims to emerge as one of the driving forces in the global space industry while driving the local space ecosystem forward.

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