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Dear IAC 2026 Accredited Press,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026) in Antalya, Türkiye. We greatly value your participation and contribution in sharing the stories and outcomes of this global space event.

To support your work, we have prepared a Press Guide containing useful information about the Congress.

We look forward to working with you and wish you a successful and inspiring IAC 2026 coverage.

Best regards,

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IAC 2026 CONGRESS APP

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I. A) INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION (IAF) - ORGANIZER



INTERNATIONAL
ASTRONAUTICAL
FEDERATION

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world's leading space advocacy body with more than 604 members in 82 countries, including all leading space agencies, industries, research institutions, universities, societies, associations, institutes and museums worldwide.

Following its motto "Connecting @ll Space People" and its vision of "A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity", the Federation advances knowledge about space, supporting the development and application of space assets by promoting global cooperation.

As organizer of the annual International Astronautical Congress (IAC) – world's premier global space event – and other thematic events, the IAF actively encourages the development of space activities for peaceful purposes and supports the dissemination of scientific and technical information related to space.

I. B) INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS (IAC)

What is the IAC?

For more than 75 years, the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) has been the annual moment when the global space community comes together. If you have never attended the IAC before, 2026 is your time to discover why generations of space professionals return year after year. Ask anyone who has experienced the Congress: once you attend the IAC, you never want to miss it again.

Often described as the "Olympics of Space", the IAC is far more than a congress. It is the annual celebration of humanity's greatest adventure. It is where the world's space community reconnects, where lifelong collaborations begin, where contracts are signed, and where the next chapter of space exploration is written.

I. C) 77TH INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS (IAC 2026)



For over seven decades, the Congress has travelled across every inhabited continent – from Washington to Rio de Janeiro, from Cape Town to Sydney, across Europe and Asia – demonstrating that space has no borders. Every year, ten thousand of participants from every corner of the world gather under one roof with one shared purpose: advancing space for the benefit of humanity.

In 2026, that global community will meet in Antalya, Türkiye from 5 – 9 October 2026, marking the first time in history that the event will be hosted in Türkiye. Known for its rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, breathtaking Mediterranean coastline, and vibrant innovation ecosystem, Antalya will offer a unique backdrop to one of the world's most prestigious space gatherings. Organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) this year's edition of the IAC is hosted by the Turkish Space Agency (TUA) and co-hosted by the SAHA Istanbul Aerospace Cluster.

The IAC 2026 theme, The World Needs More Space, frames a programme inviting visionary ideas, innovative technologies, and pioneering research. In an age where the exploration and utilization of outer space are more crucial than ever, our motto emphasizes the imperative of maintaining a secure, accessible, and collaborative environment in the cosmos.

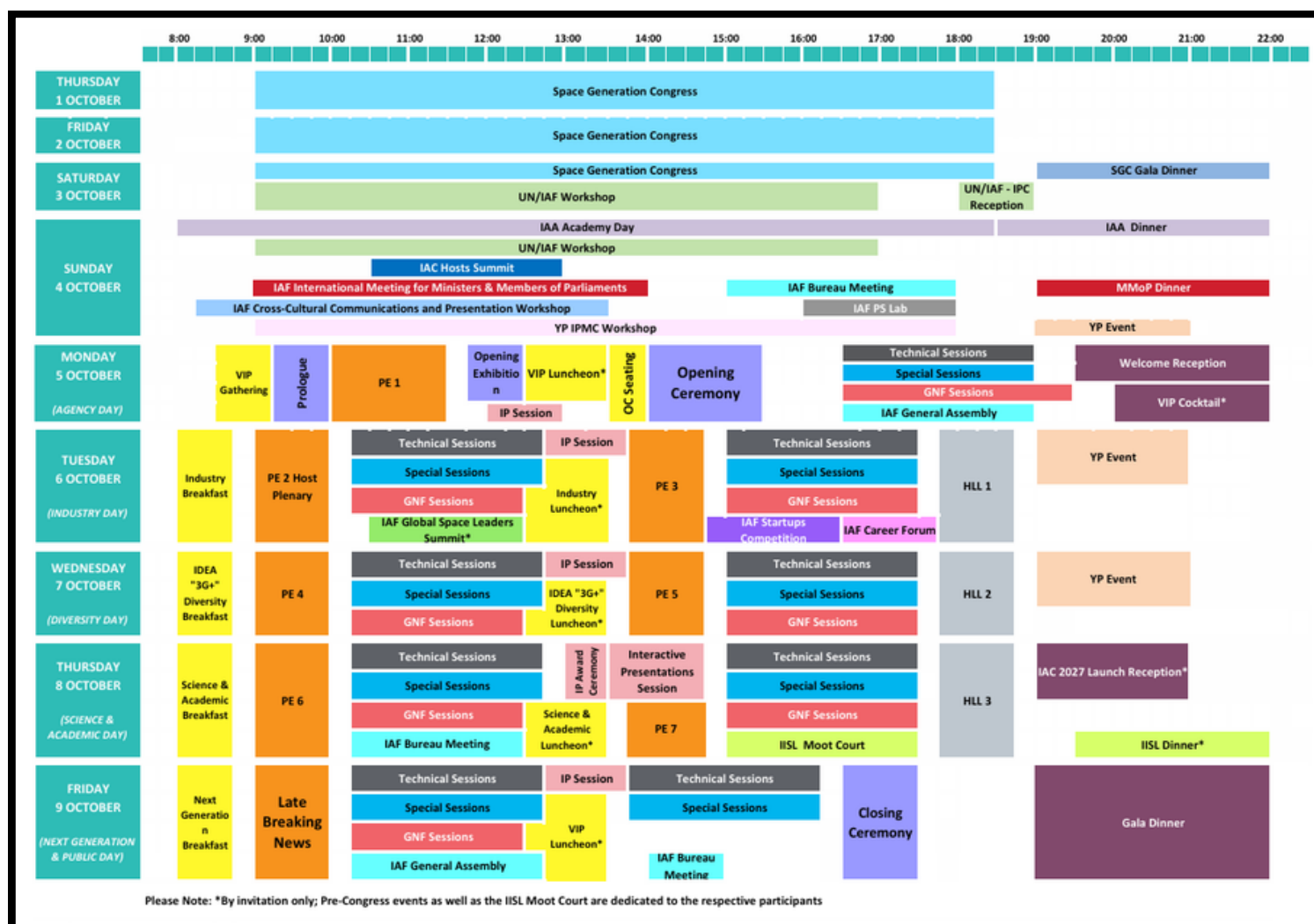
 INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION	IAC 2026 Organizer:	International Astronautical Federation (IAF) - is the official Organizer of IAC 2026 (and all IACs) and is responsible for the overall programme, content, coordination, and logistical organization of the Congress.
 Turkish Space Agency	IAC 2026 Host:	Turkish Space Agency (TUA) - is the official Host of IAC 2026, providing the local venue and facilities for the event and supporting its delivery in the host country location.
 SAHA ISTANBUL	IAC 2026 Co-Host:	SAHA ISTANBUL AEROSPACE CLUSTER- is the official Co-Host, supporting the Host and Organizer in the delivery and local implementation of the Congress.
 IAC INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS 2026 ANTALYA	IAC 2026 Theme:	"The World Needs More Space"

Official Hashtag: #IAC2026 #iafastro

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: [IAC2026](https://www.iac2026.org)

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II. CONGRESS AT A GLANCE



USEFUL LINKS AND QR CODES

[Press conferences:](#)



[IAC 2026 Programme:](#)



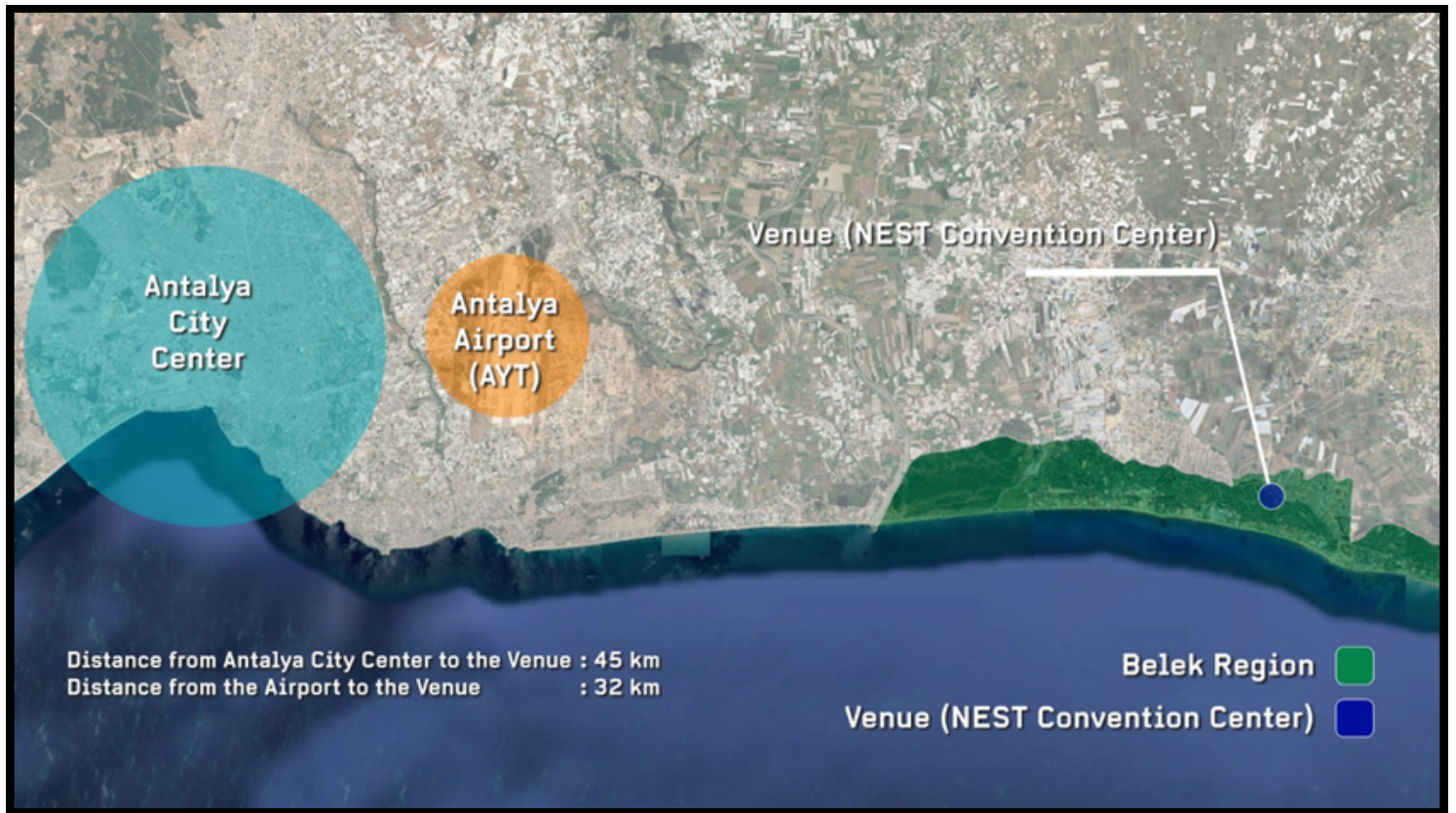
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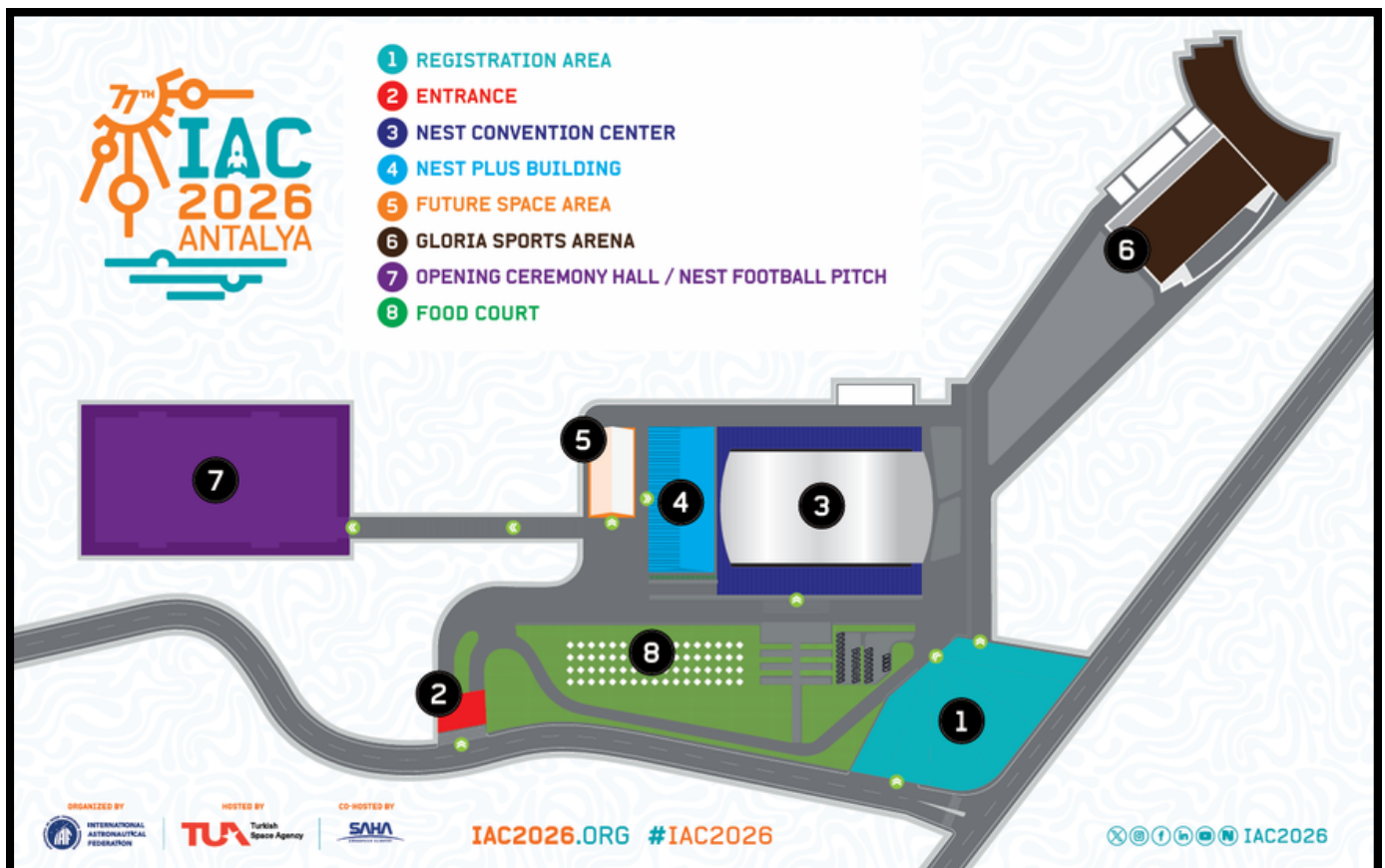
Nest Congress & Exhibition Center

Belek Mahallesi, 07506 Serik,
Antalya – Türkiye



FLOOR PLANS

PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	NEST Plus Building. First Floor, Hall 33
PRESS CENTER	NEST Plus Building. First Floor, Hall 32
INTERVIEW AREA	NEST, Main Building, First Floor, Foyer (upon request only)



IAC 2026 FLOOR PLANS

NEST PLUS BUILDING

FIRST FLOOR

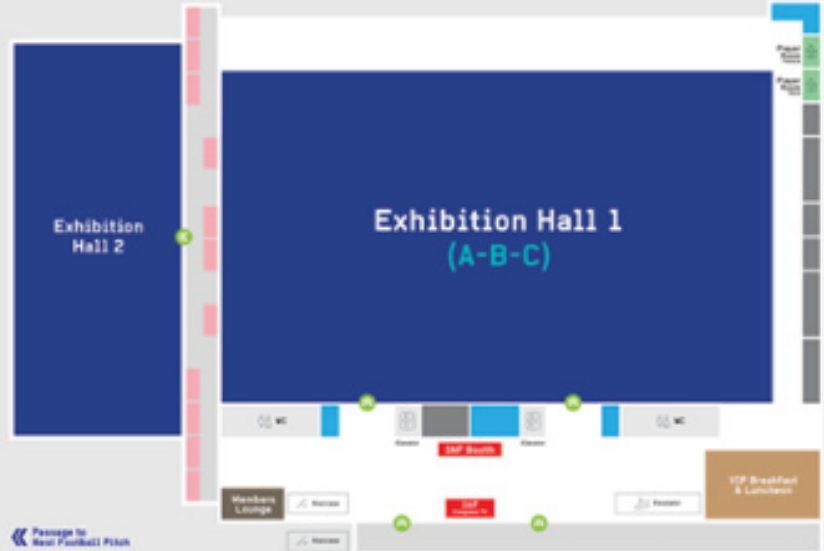


GROUND FLOOR



NEST CONVENTION CENTER

FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



- NEST Football Pitch
- Exhibition Area
- Plenary Programme
- Gloria Sports Hall
- Technical Sessions
- Special Sessions
- IP Sessions
- B2B Area
- Bilateral Rooms
- Meeting Rooms

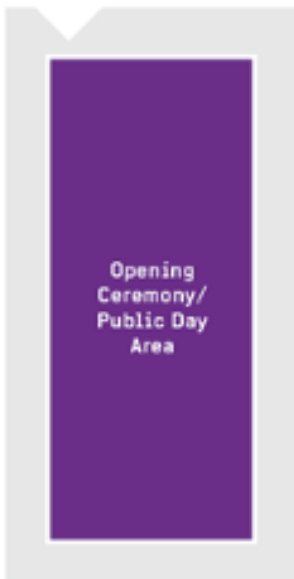
- Offices
- Speaker Prep. Room
- Committee Meeting
- VIP Luncheon Area
- Members Lounge
- Press Center
- Press Conf. Room
- Service Area / Offices
- Future Space Area
- Prayer Room

IAC 2026 FLOOR PLANS

FUTURE SPACE AREA



NEST FOOTBALL PITCH



GLORIA SPORTS ARENA

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IV. IAC 2026 PROGRAMME

A. IAC 2026 PLENARY PROGRAMME



PLENARY EVENTS



HIGHLIGHT LECTURES



LATE BREAKING NEWS



B. IAC 2026 TECHNICAL PROGRAMME



IAC 2026 will present one of the largest Technical Programme ever assembled in the history of the Congress.

With a record-breaking of 8325 abstract submissions from a record of 108 countries, this year's results set a new benchmark of 4077 accepted abstracts and 542 strong back-ups, and lay the foundation for what promises to be the largest and most globally engaged IAC in history.

All accepted presenters have been matched across a record-breaking 204 technical sessions, plus daily large-scale Interactive Presentations Sessions.

- **TECHNICAL SESSIONS (TS) :**



TS SCHEDULE

- **INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS (IP):**



This year's Interactive Presentations (IP) are going bigger and bolder than ever before – over 1400 presentations showcasing cutting-edge space research from around the globe!

IP SCHEDULE: Monday 5 October / Tuesday 6 October / Wednesday 7 October / Thursday 8 October / Friday 9 October

- **SPECIAL SESSIONS:**



SpS at a Glance

SpS SCHEDULE

- **SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTES**

Keynotes

Keynotes SCHEDULE

C. IAF GLOBAL NETWORKING FORUM



IAF GLOBAL NETWORKING FORUM SCHEDULE

The IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF) at IAC 2026 will feature 24 sessions filled with crucial discussions and insights on space sustainability and technology, including the latest innovations and strategic approaches in the industry.

V. INFORMATION ON PRESS CONFERENCES:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the press conferences at IAC 2026, which have been organized specifically for the accredited media. These sessions provide a unique opportunity to engage with speakers, ask questions, and cover key announcements from the Congress.

PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Discover the IAC 2026 Final Programme [HERE:](#)

VI. PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR COVERING THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

Security Check & Access

- All accredited press representatives must carry a **valid, government-issued photo ID (national identity card or passport)** that matches exactly the full legal name registered in their IAC 2026 accreditation, alongside their official congress badge at all times.

Media & Recording Restrictions

- Live streaming of the event is **strictly prohibited**.
- Recording of sessions in their entirety is **not permitted**.
- For the Opening Ceremony, TV crews must set up their cameras exclusively in the designated media areas.
- Movement around the room during the ceremony is **not permitted**, with the exception of the official IAC 2026 filming and photography team.

We kindly ask all guests and media representatives to strictly observe these protocol and security requirements to ensure the smooth and secure running of the Opening Ceremony.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in security personnel requesting the individual to leave the venue.

Special Protocol and Security Notice for the Official Attendance of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye

On the day and during the hours of the official attendance of the President of the Republic of Türkiye, venue access, operational hall management, and overall security protocols will be coordinated under the direct authority of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye. Heightened state security measures will be in effect throughout the venue.

Please note that movement within the main hall and designated media positions may be subject to temporary protocol adjustments and security screening prior to and during the Presidential program.

VII. ANNEX TO THE IAC 2026 ACCREDITED PRESS GUIDE

Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for Accredited Press

during the 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026)

Introduction

The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is committed to ensuring a smooth and professional environment for all press representatives at the IAC 2026 and other related activities. Accredited press representatives are expected to follow the guidelines and rules of conduct outlined below to maintain the integrity and professionalism of the event. These rules also prioritize the needs and access of IAF & IAC 2026 official filming crews, who are responsible to capture the whole event.

1. General Conduct

- Accredited press members are expected to behave in a professional and respectful manner at all times.
- Press representatives should respect the rights of other attendees and speakers, refraining from disruptive behavior that may hinder the flow of the event.
- All accredited press must wear their press badge visibly at all times within the event venue.
- Press should not interfere with or disrupt the activities or presentations of other participants.
- Press representatives are required to follow the instructions provided by the IAF staff at all times.

2. Access to Event Spaces

- Accredited press will have access to most of the events during the Congress, please note that press cannot attend closed-door event/meetings.

3. Filming and Photography

- The IAF & IAC 2026 official filming crew has priority access to all filming and photography during the IAC. Accredited press must ensure they do not obstruct the work of the official crew.
- Press representatives should remain within designated press areas while filming or taking photographs.
- During sessions, interviews, or on-stage activities, press representatives must be considerate of the official filming crew's needs and maintain the flow of the event.

4. Rules of Conduct Regarding Live Streaming

- Live streaming of any event, session, or activity during the Conference is strictly prohibited.
- Recording sessions in full is not allowed. Press members may capture short clips or excerpts.

5. Interview Conduct

- Interview rooms are available on site for the accredited press to conduct interviews.
- To book a time slot in the interview areas, accredited press representatives must send their request to media@iafastro.org.
- The IAF encourages all accredited press to respect the requests of fellow journalists and to limit the occupancy of the interview rooms to a maximum of 20 minutes per interview.

6. Compliance with Event Organizer

- Press representatives must comply with all IAF Secretariat instructions, including security and event management teams.
- Failure to comply with event guidelines, disruption of official filming, or causing significant disturbance may result in the revocation of accredited press credentials.
- The IAF reserves the right to remove any media representative from the event and to blacklist from attending future IAF events for non-compliance or disruptive behavior.

7. Conclusion

The International Astronautical Federation strives to create an environment where the media can operate freely and professionally while maintaining respect for the event's structure and all attendees. We count on the cooperation of all accredited media members to ensure the success of our events and the continued growth of the interest to the space sector.

For any questions or clarifications regarding these guidelines, please feel free to contact the IAF communications team: media@iafastro.org.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you during our events.

Sincerely,

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