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The International Astronautical Congress (IAC)

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 between 5,000 and 10,000 participants each year.

Covering all space sectors and topics, it offers everyone the latest space information and developments in academia and industry, networking opportunities to connect with the global space community and explore unique potential partnerships.

The IAC is organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).

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.

The congress brings together thousands of participants, including heads of space agencies, researchers, engineers, entrepreneurs, investors, and students- to share breakthroughs, forge global partnerships, and ignite visionary ideas through plenary sessions, technical presentations, exhibitions, and high-level networking events.

What is the IAC 2026 about?

The 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) will take place in the sun-kissed city of **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, breathtaking Mediterranean coastline, and vibrant innovation ecosystem, Antalya will offer a unique backdrop to one of the world's most prestigious space gatherings.

Under the inspiring theme **"The World Needs More Space"**, IAC 2026 will invite the global community to explore how space can serve as a driver of solutions to the challenges our planet faces today.

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2026 aims to position Türkiye as a dynamic contributor to the global space landscape. This edition will emphasize inclusive innovation, space accessibility, and the vital importance of international cooperation to ensure the peaceful and sustainable use of outer space. It will also highlight Türkiye's growing space capabilities, expanding satellite programs, and long-term vision for deep space exploration.

In an era increasingly dependent on space technologies for communication, security, sustainability, and climate resilience, IAC 2026 will serve as a rallying point for nations and industries to align their efforts. Join us in Antalya to help shape a future where space is not a luxury, but a necessity and a shared resource for all humanity. Truly, the world needs more space.

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 developments 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 2026 is open.

Register today and benefit from Early Bird registration rates!

To register and for more information, please scan the QR-code



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What does it consist of?

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 3000 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.

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.

Associated and Side Events

Such as the the IAF Global Space Leaders Summit, UN/ IAF Workshop, the International Platform for Diversity and Equality in Astronautics (IDEA) events, the IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments (IAF MMOP), the IAF Public Speaking & Presentations Skills Lab (IAF PS 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.

IAF International Astronauts Chapter

A group of esteemed astronauts gather to foster knowledge-sharing and public engagement through panels, discussions and outreach.

For detailed information on sponsorship opportunities and exhibition at IAC 2026 see www.iac2026.org or contact us at sponex@iac2026.org

Antalya, Türkiye

Antalya, a timeless city on Türkiye's turquoise Mediterranean coast, is proud to welcome the global space community as the host of the 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) – the first time this prestigious event will be held in Türkiye. Combining history, nature, innovation, and hospitality, Antalya offers an exceptional setting for IAC 2026 under the inspiring theme: "The World Needs More Space."

Delegates will be surrounded by theatres, architecture, and charming old-town streets, all just steps away from modern congress venues and state-of-the-art infrastructure. This rich cultural landscape invites participants to reflect on humanity's heritage while engaging with bold ideas for our collective future in space.

Situated on the Mediterranean, Antalya provides the perfect balance of exploration and relaxation. Just minutes from the congress center, attendees can enjoy pristine beaches, panoramic views from the Taurus Mountains, and hidden natural wonders such as waterfalls, alongside ancient cities including Perge, Aspendos, and Termessos. The city's vibrant marina, coastal promenades, and world-renowned hospitality create countless opportunities for cultural and social engagement.

With advanced convention facilities, excellent international connectivity, and a strong commitment to sustainability, Antalya is ready to deliver an unforgettable IAC experience. From its ancient horizons to its future-focused energy, Antalya is more than a destination—it is a launchpad for global dialogue, collaboration, and discovery. Join us in 2026 to help shape the future of space in one of the most inspiring locations on earth.



The Teams Powering the 77th 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 604 members from 82 countries including all major space agencies, companies, research institutions, universities, space museums, societies and associations worldwide.

Dedicated to "a space-faring world cooperation 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 organizes 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.

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Host: Turkish Space Agency (TUA)

Turkish Space Agency (TUA) is the national authority responsible for shaping and implementing Türkiye's space strategy, including the National Space Program. As the sole representative of the Republic of Türkiye on all space-related matters, TUA leads initiatives that serve both national interests and the advancement of humanity in the "New Space Age." Launched in 2021, the National Space Program defines Türkiye's vision, strategic priorities, and concrete objectives in space exploration, satellite systems, and deep space missions. The program emphasizes the development of indigenous technologies, the growth of a skilled workforce, and strong engagement with international partners. By fostering innovation, private sector participation, and sustainable use of space, TUA aims to strengthen Türkiye's scientific and technological capabilities, reduce dependence on foreign systems, and contribute meaningfully to the global space community.

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