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SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2026

9:00-10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00-10:15 Opening

10:15 - 10:35 Setting the scene

10:35 -11:35 Session: Impact of space activities on key economic sectors

with Mustapha Iderawumi (Nigeria), Ahmad Soleymani (Iran), Nandi Mtethwa (South Africa) and Hamdi Demir (Türkiye)

11:35 - 11:50 Pitch: space applications and key economic sectors

with La-Quita George (Trinidad and Tobago), Ioana-Maria Petrescu (Romania) and Nebile Pelin Mantı (Türkiye)

11:50 - 12:50 Panel: the transformative value of space applications in developing countries

with Hawa Abdulai (Nigeria), Fama Jallow (Gambia), Sardorjon Sodikjonov (Uzbekistan) and Barbara Kwiatkowska-Mott (Poland)

12:50 - 13:00 Networking tables: introduction of moderators

13:05 - 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

13:45 - 14:15 Networking [1st round]

14:15 - 15:00 Session: starting from scratch: country pathways, practical experiences and lessons learned

with Bibi Sara Karimullah (Bangladesh), Belén Bustamante (Ecuador) and Ankit Khanal (Nepal)

15:00 - 16:00 Panel: the role of cubesats projects in building capacity

with Leila Nahiri (Morocco), Firas Jarrar (Jordan), Jose Martinez Munguia (El Salvador) and Zamba Leonel Bakeapai (South Sudan)

16:00 - 16:15 Pitch: cubesats projects as a step to build capacity

with Franco Morales Albarracin (Bolivia), Eden Habteslasie (Ethiopia) and Sisti Cariah (Tanzania)

16:15 - 16:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:45 - 17:45 Panel: civil society, education and inclusive development

with Ana María Segura Paz (Colombia), Ira Sharma (Nepal), Martina Elia Vitoloni (Argentina), Fiorella Arias Bonilla (Costa Rica) and Farhan Asrar (Canada)

17:45 - 18:00 Pitch: education opportunities

with Timothy Kuhamba (Zimbabwe), Chidera Ikeh (Nigeria) and Jeanne Holm (USA)

18:00 - 19:00 RECEPTION

SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2026

9:00-9:30 [Registration] Welcome coffee

9:30-10:00 Networking [2nd round]

10:00 - 11:00 Panel: identifying practical pathways to scale up within emerging nations

with Zahra Imanova (Azerbaijan), Victor Ribeiro Baptista (Brazil), Paragjyoti Garg (India), Žaklin Butinar (Slovenia) and Philip Thomas (UK)

11:00 - 11:20 Pitch: ecosystem development

with Yankho Likaku (Malawi), Esteban Fretes (Paraguay), Nazmelis Zengin (Türkiye) and Rani Mesele (Ethiopia)

11:20 - 12:40 Session: cooperation as capacity-building and ecosystem development tool

with Beza Zewdie (Ethiopia), Eleonora Lombardi (Italy), Masanori Muto (Japan), Rodion Immel (Russia), Smita Francis (Namibia) and Abdelrahman Elshorbge (Egypt)

12:40 - 13:00 Keynote speech

Huadong Guo (China)

13:00 - 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

13:45 - 14:15 Networking [last round]

14:15 - 14:30 Pitch: regulation as incentive
with Gaia Baroni (Italy), Bengisu Türkmen (Türkiye), James Murray (Ireland/Bahamas) and Farah Diya Yasmine (Indonesia)

14:30 - 15:15 Session: national strategies
with Mosebetsi Khobotlo (Lesotho), Aloyce Makokha (Kenya), and Mark Tupas (the Philippines)

15:15 - 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:45 - 16:45 Panel: national strategies, policy frameworks and enabling conditions

with Dania González Rauda (El Salvador), Bilge Demirköz (Türkiye), Ute Reisinger (World Bank/Austria) and Anh Tuan Pham (Viet Nam)

16:45 - 17:00 Feedback from participants

17:00 - 17:20 Closing