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HOW TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE IAC

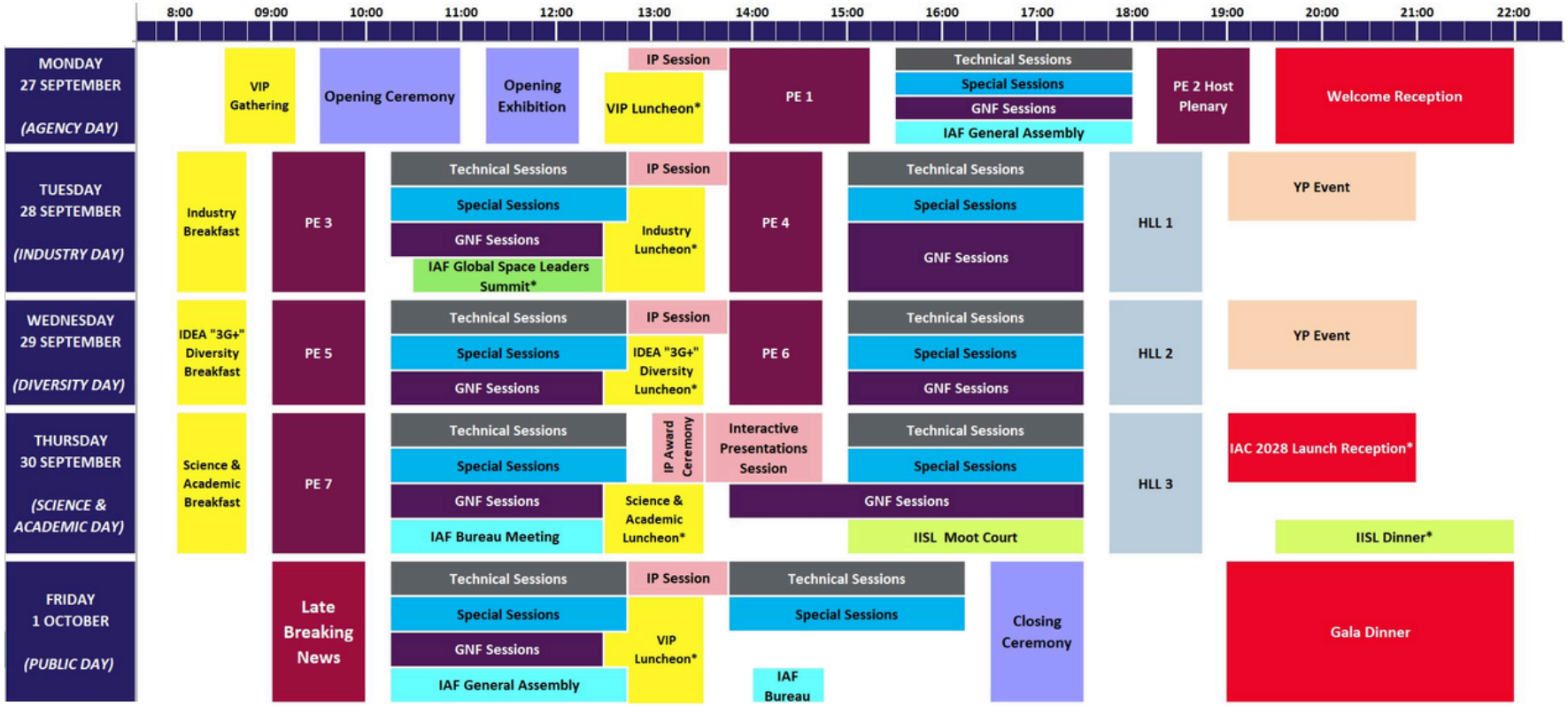
IAC 2027 POZNAN POLAND

The International Astronautical Congress (IAC) is a five day congress taking place during the September/October time frame each year in a different location around the world. The upcoming 78th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2027) will be held in Poznań, Poland between 27 September - 1 October 2027.

The IAC is not only a Congress, but a gathering of the international space community that actively contributes to shaping a different and exciting programme every year. 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 and your organization can play at the IAC and the various deadlines to meet. Below you can find the Congress at a Glance with the general schedule for the main IAC events: Plenaries, IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF) Sessions, Technical Sessions, Special Sessions and the Interactive Presentation (IP) Sessions.

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 support@iafastro.org

Be Part of the Conversation at IAC 2027!



Please Note: *By invitation only

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BECOME A KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO IAC 2027

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	PLENARY PROGRAMME		TECHNICAL PROGRAMME	
	Plenary Events (PE, HLL)	**IAF GNF Sessions** (Global Networking Forum – Meet. Share. Connect.)	**Technical Sessions** (TS, IP)	**Special Sessions** (SpS)
Who can Apply?	IAF Member Organizations representatives	IAF Member Organizations and Sponsors	Open to Everyone	Open to Everyone
How to Apply?	Fill the PE & HLL Submission Form: www.iafastro.org	Fill the GNF Submission Form: www.iafastro.org	Fill the online Abstract Submission Form at https://iafastro.directory/	Fill the online Special Session Application Form at https://iafastro.directory/
Who Selects?	IPC Steering Group	IAF Vice President for GNF	International Programme Committee (IPC) led by the Category Coordinators	IPC Steering Group
When is the Deadline to Apply?	29 January 2027	26 March 2027	28 February 2027	12 February 2027

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

PLENARY PROGRAMME

Plenary Events

Open to IAF Members only

IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF)

Open to IAF Members, sponsors and newly applying IAF Members

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

300-1000 Delegates

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

Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics (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

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100-300 Delegates

+/- 20 slots

Evaluation Criteria:

- Topics (Industry, Exploration, Next Generation, Emerging Countries, Environment, Other)
- Event Format:
  - Panel Discussions
  - Keynote Lectures
- 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

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TECHINAL PROGRAMME

Technical Sessions (TS) & Interactive Presentations (IP)

Open to everyone (submission and onsite presentation does not apply for delegates who intend to register as press, accompanying persons or exhibitor staff)*

Special Sessions (SpS)

Open to everyone (submission and onsite presentation does not apply for delegates who intend to register as press, accompanying persons or exhibitor staff)*

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

50-250 Delegates

TS: +/- 2000 slots
IP: +/- 1500 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 - 15 minutes
  - Interactive Presentation of 10 minutes

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50-200 Delegates

+/- 20 slots

Evaluation Criteria:

- Innovative event format:
  - Workshop
  - Campfire
  - Fishbowl
  - Samoan Circle
  - Design Sprint
  - Orca Bowl Challenge
  - 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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