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How Space Agencies will contribute to the Implementation and Follow-up of the Paris Agreement during COP 21

A special plenary entitled, "Space and Climate: How Space Agencies Will Contribute to the Implementation and Follow-up of the Paris Agreement during COP 21" will take place on **Tuesday 27 September 2016**, from **08:30 – 09:30** at the IAC 2016.

Climate change is one of the most important challenges humankind is facing. Due to their global coverage at different scales (spatial and temporal), space missions have an important role to play in the fight against climate change since the phenomenon is global with local impacts. This has been highlighted in particular through the Mexico Summit Declaration made under the umbrella of International Academy of Astronautics in September 2015. About one year after the great success of the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties number 21, the so called COP 21, held in France, Space Agencies will present concrete actions in support to the agreement of Paris concerning observation, mitigation and adaptation strategies.

The plenary, moderated by **Jean-Yves Le Gall**, CNES President and IAF President Elect, will welcome high-level speakers such as, **Wu Yanhua**, Vice Administrator, China National Space Administration (CNSA), **Jan Woerner**, Director General, European Space Agency (ESA), **Naoki Okumura**, President, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), **Ellen Stofan**, Chief Scientist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), **Francisco Javier Mendieta Jimenez**, General Director, Mexican Space Agency, **Roberto Battiston**, President, Italian Space Agency, and **Sylvain Laporte**, President, Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

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