



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE IAF GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON SPACE FOR EMERGING COUNTRIES – GLEC 2022

15 December 2021, Quito, Ecuador – The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and its members the [Sideralis Foundation](#) and the [Ecuadorian Civilian Space Agency \(EXA\)](#) have signed the agreement to co-organize the **[IAF Global Conference on Space for Emerging Countries \(GLEC 2022\)](#)** from **16 to 20 May 2022** in the **Hotel Hilton Colon Quito**, Quito, Ecuador.

Following its mission to promote international development and share knowledge, the IAF and its members Sideralis Foundation and EXA are committed to fostering and supporting the international relations that allow space faring nations and space developing nations to share practices and data about space activities and their concrete social benefits.

Second Conference of its kind after [GLEC 2019](#) in Marrakech, Morocco (in cooperation with [CRTS](#)), GLEC 2022 is designed to:

- **Creating awareness on the essential legislative and policy elements that must be considered in establishing a firm foundation for national or regional space programs;**
- **Promoting the creation and development of a local space industry that is innovative, responsive, robust, commercially viable, and connected and integrated to the global space industry;**
- **Highlighting the socio-economic benefits of space applications so that high-level citizen support can be secured for advancing national or regional space programs.**

GLEC 2022 will address various topics of interest for space developing and emerging nations and regions, with a specific focus on the a) **Benefits of Space Technology and Applications to Socio-Economic Development**, b) **Financial Models and Resourcing**, c) **Technology and Skills Development**, d) **Base Infrastructure Requirements**, e) **Space Industry Development and Support**, f) **Legal and Policy**.

The Conference programme is designed to bring together the international community, including senior representatives of the major space agencies, industry, governments, policy makers, academia and NGOs. These leaders in the field will converge in Quito, Ecuador, to present results, exchange ideas, debate roadmaps, and discuss the future opportunities provided by space activities to emerging nations.

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