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### THE SOYUZ-2.1a/FREGAT OF THE GK LAUNCH SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ONLINE

SAVE THE DATE: *Saturday 20 March 2021 at 09:07 am Moscow time*

The **International Astronautical Federation (IAF)** and its member **GK Launch Services** are proud to announce that the launch of the winner of the exclusive competition for a Free Launch of 1U CubeSat on the First Commercial Mission of GK Launch Services organized by the IAF will be **streamed live!**

The winner of the competition, IAF Member **Sapienza University of Rome**, whose students, together with the universities of Tel Aviv (Israel) and Nairobi (Nigeria), presented the **SIMBA project** (System for Improving Monitoring of the Behavior of Wild Animals) will be using the launcher **Soyuz-2.1a/Fregat**. The second winner GRBAAlpha Spacecraft, IAF Member **University of Košice**, has been developed to demonstrate the detector technology and electronics for the future “Cubesats Applied for MEasuring and LOfocalising Transients” – **CAMELOT mission**, which is a planned constellation of nanosatellites providing all-sky coverage with high sensitivity and localization accuracy following detections of gamma-ray transients.

The new generation of Soyuz launchers features high reliability, multi-functionality, and eco-friendliness – a rocket of great world renown – launched from **Baikonur** and known for its long successful flight heritage and orbit injection accuracy.

The Launch will be live-streamed this **Saturday 20 March 2021 starting from 08:15 AM Moscow Time** on: [https://youtu.be/J1nfIV-4\\_e8](https://youtu.be/J1nfIV-4_e8)

The official hashtag of the event on social media is **#IAFGKLAUNCHWinner**

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