



## THE NEXT GENERATION OF SPACE EXPLORERS AT GLEX 2021 CALLING FOR MORE SUSTAINABILITY

**14 June 2021 - St. Petersburg, Russia.** The Global Space Exploration Conference 2021 kicked off with a full day dedicated to the next generation. **Christian FEICHTINGER**, the Executive Director of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) opened the conversation by reminding everyone that **“being part of the IAF means pursuing the ultimate goal of creating a more inclusive world by fostering the 3G: Generation, Geography and Gender diversity”**.

IAF President, **Pascale EHRENFREUND**, is confident: the **“next generation of space leaders will achieve great progress and bring space exploration to the next level”**. As stated by **Bodgan ZASTAVNY**, Chairman of St. Petersburg Committee on Youth Policy and Cooperation, **“the strong presence of students and young professionals during the opening ceremony”** and **“in space universities and academies”** was also endorsed by **Sergey SAVELIEV**, Deputy Director General for International Cooperation at ROSCOSMOS. It confirms the trend of the **“next generation being increasingly involved into assuring a more sustainable future for space exploration”** declared **Antonino SALMERI**, Lead of the E.A.G.L.E. Team on Lunar Governance at SGAC.

But how can sustainability be implemented? **Simonetta DI PIPPO**, UNOOSA Director, strongly advocated against **“positive discrimination, in favor of more merit”**. **Priyanka D. RAJKAKATI** from the Institut Supérieur de l’Aéronautique et de l’Espace, proposed to **“focus more on language by for instance prioritizing using ‘crewed missions’ instead of ‘manned missions’”**. **Julie PATARIN-JOSSEC**, Lecturer at the Saint Petersburg State University shed the light on **“space debris, both for future generations, international collaboration and environmental issues”**. Astronaut **Hazzaa ALMANSOORI** reassured everyone by reminding them that **“space cannot be achieved without international cooperation”**. He mentioned **“in space your fellow astronauts become your family”**. A statement that was supported by Software Engineer at Space Products and Innovations, **Ignaty ROMANOV-CHERNIGOVSKY** a student at the IAF Member organization, the International Space University (ISU) **“where common ground can always be found to implement a solution sustainable for all”**.

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