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The IAF World Space Award – Excellence in Space Recognized on the IAC 2025 Stage

Paris, 30 July 2025 – The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is proud to announce the recipients of its most prestigious award: the **IAF World Space Award 2025**. As the IAF's highest honor, traditionally described as the "Oscar in Space", this award is presented to individuals and teams whose outstanding contributions have made a lasting global impact on space science, technology, law, medicine, or management.

This year's awards will be presented during the **Opening Ceremony of the 76th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2025)**, taking place on **Monday, 29 September 2025**, in **Sydney, Australia**.



The 2025 IAF World Space Award – Individual Category

Awarded to: Jeff Bezos

Founder of Blue Origin, Jeff Bezos is recognized for his visionary leadership and commitment to building a sustainable future in space for the benefit of Earth. His lifelong passion for space exploration has translated into real-world impact through Blue Origin's ambitious missions. The first successful launch of New Glenn in 2025 represents a major leap in advancing reusable launch technology. Mr. Bezos' vision aligns seamlessly with this year's IAC theme, "Sustainable Space: Resilient Earth."

The 2025 IAF World Space Award – Team Category

Awarded to: The Chang'E-6 Mission Team

In a historic achievement, China's Chang'E-6 mission successfully returned lunar samples from the far side of the Moon – a first in human spaceflight history. This groundbreaking mission marks a major milestone in scientific exploration and reaffirms international ambition toward deeper space discovery.



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Do not miss your chance to celebrate these exceptional milestones at IAC 2025 – the world’s premier space gathering, where global space leaders and innovators meet to shape the future of space.

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About IAF

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world’s leading space advocacy body with over 563 Members in 81 countries, including all leading space agencies, industries, research institutions, universities, societies, associations, institutes and museums worldwide. Following its motto “*Connecting @ll Space People*” and its vision of “*A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity*”, the Federation advances knowledge about space, supporting the development and application of space assets by promoting global cooperation.