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Uniting Space and Earth
for Climate Resilience

PRESS RELEASE

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Kigali to Host IAF Global Space Conference on Climate Change 2026 - A First for Africa

The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and Rwanda Space Agency (RSA) bring the world's foremost space-and-climate forum to Africa for the first time, 2–4 June 2026, at the Kigali Convention Centre.

KIGALI, Rwanda - Organized by the **International Astronautical Federation (IAF)** and hosted by the **Rwanda Space Agency (RSA)**, the **second IAF Global Space Conference on Climate Change (GLOC 2026)** will take place from **2-4 June 2026** in **Kigali, Rwanda**, under the theme **“Uniting Space and Earth for Climate Resilience”**, marking the first time the landmark conference will take place on African soil.

GLOC 2026 is expected to attract a wide spectrum of participants, including Heads of State, ministers, senior officials of major space agencies, industry leaders, development partners, investors, scientists, astronauts, and innovators, major financial institutions and the civil society. The Conference will kick-off with a High-Level Opening Ceremony and inauguration of the Exhibition.

As climate change intensifies pressure on ecosystems and economies, Earth observation satellites, climate data systems, and environmental monitoring platforms have become indispensable tools for decision-makers worldwide. GLOC 2026 will provide a high-level forum for exchanging knowledge, showcasing innovations, and forging the international partnerships needed to scale these solutions.



“We are proud to host this important conversation in Kigali. GLOC 2026 offers a platform for both policy and scientific discussions on how space technology can address climate change. Our continent faces some of the most acute climate pressures on Earth, and the space sector has a direct role to play in developing monitoring, prediction, and resilience tools communities need”.

Gaspard Twagirayezu
Chief Executive Officer
Rwanda Space Agency (RSA)

Hosting GLOC 2026 in Kigali reflects Rwanda's commitment to science and technology as the primary drivers for solving the continent's most pressing challenges. The conference will also serve as a platform to amplify African perspectives in global policy discussions on space and climate.



“Bringing GLOC to Africa for the first time is a powerful statement about the global collaboration in the space sector. Climate challenges do not respect borders, and neither should the solutions. Africa’s space community brings perspectives and priorities that will make this conference stronger.”

Gabriella Arrigo
President
International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Taking place over three days at the Kigali Convention Centre, GLOC 2026 will feature high-level panels, technical programme, exhibitions, and networking across themes including space-based climate monitoring, Earth observation, sustainability, policy innovation, and international cooperation.

Registration & Participation

Register now for GLOC 2026, taking place 2–4 June 2026 at the Kigali Convention Centre, Kigali, Rwanda. Visit gloc2026.org to secure your spot, explore programme and exhibition, and learn more about partnership opportunities.

GLOC 2026 offers reduced registration rates for African nationals and African students.

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About GLOC 2026 Organizer:



INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world's leading space advocacy body with over 604 Members in 82 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.

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About GLOC 2026 Host:



The Rwanda Space Agency (RSA) was established in 2020 with the mission to develop Rwanda's space sector towards socio-economic development, using space-based technologies and applications. RSA's mandate is to coordinate all space activities in the country, to develop a globally competitive space ecosystem, as well as fostering entrepreneurial and industrial development. In order to enable the creation of globally competitive products for local consumption and export markets, RSA is keen to partner with industry leaders, research and innovation institutions and create strong cooperations at a regional and international level.

<https://space.gov.rw/>