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**GLOC 2026**  
IAF GLOBAL SPACE  
CONFERENCE ON  
**CLIMATE CHANGE**

**2-4 JUNE 2026  
KIGALI, RWANDA**



*Uniting Space and Earth for Climate Resilience*

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# IAF GLOBAL SPACE CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (GLOC 2026)

The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and the Rwanda Space Agency (RSA) are delighted to welcome you to the **second edition of the IAF Global Space Conference on Climate Change (GLOC 2026)**, taking place in **Kigali, Rwanda from 2 - 4 June 2026**.

As we face the urgent challenges of a changing climate, space-based technologies continue to prove essential in monitoring environmental change, enabling informed decision-making, and building resilient societies. Following the success of GLOC 2023, the second edition themed “Uniting Space and Earth for Climate Resilience” aims to harness the power of space-based technologies and applications in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change.

We look forward to welcoming you in Kigali – a dynamic and forward-looking city at the heart of Africa – for a truly impactful exchange of knowledge, ideas, and solutions. Together, let us advance international collaboration and drive meaningful change through the power of space.



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## CITY OF KIGALI

Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, is known for its beauty, safety, and cleanliness. With a population of over 1 million people, the city sits on rolling hills and offers amazing views. Kigali combines traditional Rwandan culture with modern living, featuring lively markets, historical landmarks like the Kigali Genocide Memorial, and a thriving food scene. It is also a leader in green and sustainable urban development, making it one of the most exciting cities to visit in Africa.

Learn more about Kigali at  
[www.kigalicity.gov.rw](http://www.kigalicity.gov.rw)



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (IPC)

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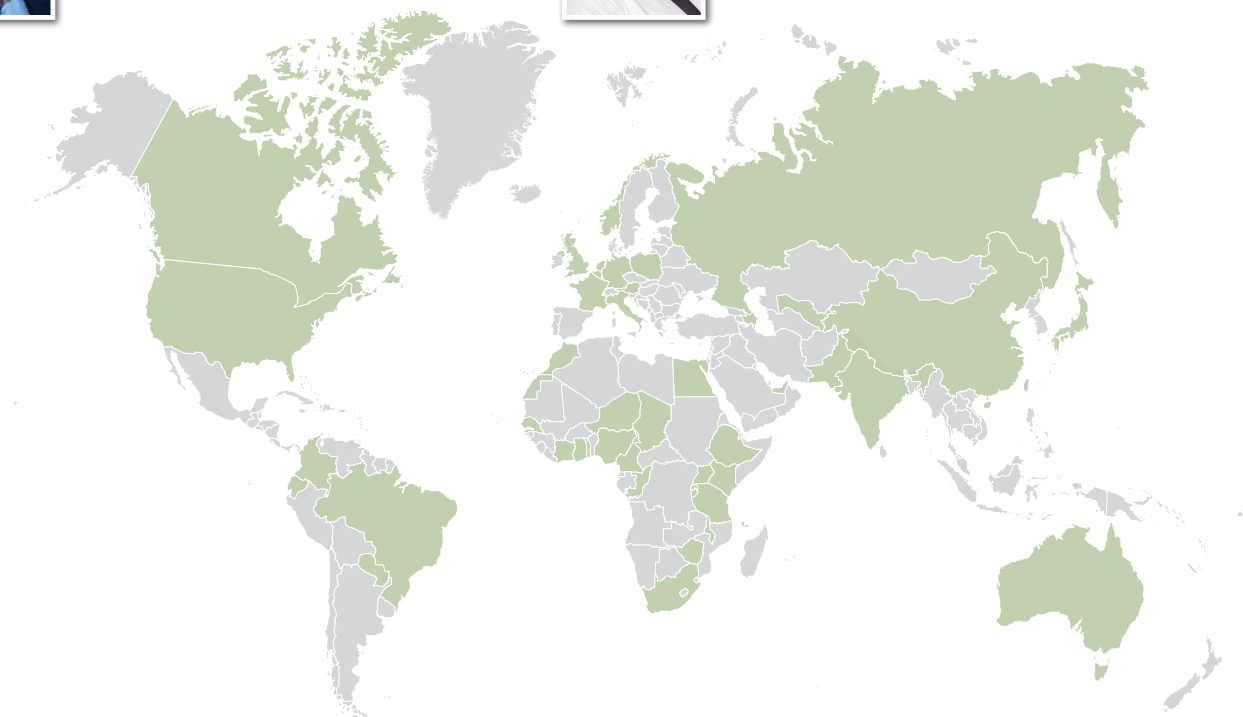
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- Australia

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- Ecuador
- Paraguay

## VENUE

The IAF Global Space Conference on Climate Change (GLOC 2025) will be held at the Kigali Convention Centre (KCC). Located in the heart of Kigali, KCC is an architectural masterpiece inspired by the traditional Rwandan King's Palace, with its dome design symbolizing unity. The venue features a large auditorium, flexible meeting rooms, and exhibition spaces, making it perfect for international events. It is also close to Kigali International Airport, top hotels, and many city attractions. Other international events hosted at KCC: FIA award giving ceremony in 2024, FIFA General Assembly in 2023, Women Deliver in 2023, and CHOGM in 2022.

For more details, visit: [www.kcc.rw](http://www.kcc.rw)



## GLOC 2026 AT A GLANCE

	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00
Tuesday 2 June 2026		Registration	Opening ceremony	High-Level Plenary Part 1	High-Level Plenary Part 2	Exhibitions on Opening	Welcome Lunch	High-Level Plenary Part 3	Tea / Coffee Break	IAF GNF			Welcome Reception	
										Meeting with the Press / Interviews				
Wednesday 3 June 2026		Registration	HILL 1	Plenary 2	Tea / Coffee Break	IAF GNF	IP Session	Lunch Break	HILL 2	Plenary 3	Tea / Coffee Break	IAF GNF		Gala Dinner
Thursday 4 June 2026		Registration	HILL 3	Plenary 4	Tea / Coffee Break	IAF GNF	IP Session	Lunch Break	IAF GNF	Tea / Coffee	Summary & Closing Ceremony			
Friday 5 June 2026	Optional Technical/Social Visits													



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The **International Astronautical Federation (IAF)**, as the Organizer, and its member – the **Rwanda Space Agency (RSA)**, as the Host, are thrilled to announce that the Call for Abstracts is now open!

We invite researchers, practitioners, thought leaders, students and professionals to submit abstracts that reflect innovative ideas and solutions across a diverse array of topics, including but not limited to:

- » **Climate Adaptation and Resilience**
- » **Green House Gas Monitoring and Impact Assessment**
- » **AI for Climate Adaptation and Resilience**
- » **Service Development, Data Access**
- » **Disasters and Emergency Management**
- » **Good Governance and Climate Policy, SDGs Alignment**
- » **Space Technology and Innovation for Climate**
- » **Economy, Finance and Investments for Climate Goals**
- » **Outreach, Education, Community Training and Knowledge Sharing/ International Collaboration**

Selected abstracts will be presented as **interactive presentations**, utilizing state-of-the-art infrastructure to foster engaging discussions. Additionally, these presentations will have the opportunity to compete in the prestigious **IP Competition**, with awards recognizing outstanding contributions.

## Abstract Submission Information:

- » **Abstract Deadline: 7 November 2025** (23:59 CET)
- » **Submission Platform:** <https://iafastro.directory/iac/account/login/>
- » **Contact:** [ipsupport@iafastro.org](mailto:ipsupport@iafastro.org)

Join us in Kigali as we unite efforts and innovate solutions for a sustainable future. We look forward to your contributions that will empower the global climate change dialogue!

**For more information, visit [www.gloc2026.org](http://www.gloc2026.org)**



# ORGANIZER

## International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

*Connecting @ll Space People*  
for a sustainable future



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.

# HOST

## Rwanda Space agency (RSA)



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.



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