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74th International Astronautical Congress - IAC 2023
“Global Challenges and Opportunities: Give Space a Chance”

Object: Letter of Invitation to attend the 74th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2023) in Baku, Azerbaijan, 2 – 6 October 2023

Dear Vítor Aguirra,

On behalf of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) I would like to formally invite you to join us in Baku, Azerbaijan, for the upcoming International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2023) to be held from Monday 2 to Friday 6 October 2023.

I am reaching out because we had the pleasure of counting you as delegate in our previous congress in Paris, IAC 2022. If you enjoyed your time there, we are sure that you will be even more enthusiastic about what we are planning for our next event.



Over the centuries Azerbaijan has been internationally known for its hospitality and culture. Already in the 1800s it has been described by Alexandre Dumas as the land where your host “*will not let you want for anything*”.

By joining us in Baku, not only will you experience Azerbaijani hospitality first-hand, but you will appreciate the outstanding IAC programme in the stunning framework of the iconic Heydar Aliyev Centre, crown jewel of modern architecture and world-renowned venue.

Let me just briefly mention a few of the highlights that we are preparing for the approaching IAC 2023, and the reasons why you should not miss this unforgettable event. The IAC 2023 will be the only place to:

- Get in touch with more than 60 exhibitors from 30 countries, including paramount actors in the field such as the NASA, JAXA, ISRO, CNES, ASI, Saudi Space Agency, TUA, UAESA, UKSA, SANSA, KARI, Airbus, TAS, Axiom Space, Telespazio, the Chinese Society of Astronautics (CSA), and many more.
- Meet over 20 global sponsors from the Turkish Space Agency to the Saudi Space Commissions, from Blue Origin to Astroscale Holdings Inc., from the Chinese Society of Astronautics to JAXA.
- Be inspired by prominent figures such as the NASA Administrator, Bill Nelson, the ESA’s Director General, Josef Aschbacher, the President of the Canadian Space Agency, Lisa Campbell, the Chairman of ISRO Mr. Somanath, the President of JAXA Hiroshi Yamakawa and disrupting leaders such as Gwynne Shotwell, President and COO of SpaceX.

- Celebrate the endeavors and achievements of our community with the IAF World Space Award, which will be bestowed during the IAC 2023 Opening Ceremony to Elon Musk and to the NASA, ESA, CSA James Webb Space Telescope Team.
- Discover the latest developments in every field connected to space, thanks to the 1937 oral presentations, 706 interactive Presentations, and 18 Special Sessions that compose the IAC 2023 Technical Programme.
- Join policy makers and representatives from all over the world including Ministers from Italy and Türkiye, and Members of Parliament from France, Romania, Germany, Greece, Brazil, Mexico, Estonia, Sweden, Bulgaria, and the European Parliament.
- Explore Azerbaijan thanks to the cultural tours selected by our local host.

Starting from 1950, the International Astronautical Congress has kept on growing and it is now the main global event where all space actors come together to network and contribute to the progress of the global society.

It is a pleasure for me to renew my invitation to join us at the IAC 2023 and discover that what is listed above is just a mere summary of an incredible gathering which I am sure you will remember for years to come.

[Please register here](#) and do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

We all look forward to welcoming you at the IAC 2023 in Baku!

Warmest regards,



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