



IAC HOSTS SUMMIT

Tenth “Anniversary” Session

Sunday 1st October 2023, 10:30 to 13:00

Heydar Aliyev Center (HAC), HAC Hall C
Baku, Azerbaijan

Welcome Address by IAF President (3-min)

- **Clay MOWRY**, President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Opening Remarks by Master of Ceremony (5-min)

- **Pascale EHRENFREUND**, IAF Past President (2019-2022), President of International Space University (ISU), President of Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)

The challenges of developing a winning IAC Bid strategy (10-min)

Bidding for hosting an IAC is difficult and the heightened competition makes the whole process even more challenging. Is there really a win strategy? Here are the main critical success factors to improve and maximize your chances of standing out from the IAC Bid competition and who knows, win the great race to host the world’s premier global space event.

Format: keynote

- **Christian FEICHTINGER**, Executive Director, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

A collective responsibility in theory and practice: ethical standards for selecting an IAC Host (50-min)

*The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is recognized as the most powerful, diverse and cohesive space advocacy organization worldwide. In the context of dynamic and increasingly complex geopolitical landscapes and broadened globalization discourses, can we consider the Call for Hosting an IAC as an **equalizer** for IAF Members? Let’s recall that space-related processes relevant to the UN’s broader human rights recognize the urgent need to **“Pay equal attention to the realization of civil, cultural, economic, political, and social rights, including the right to development”**. While major events such as the IAC create a platform for unification and cooperation across political and government boundaries, can we claim that everyone is ready **to give space a chance**? Can space play the role of a **cultural catalyst** for unifying nations? Join us for a great debate dealing with the intersection of the **IAC Bid process and ethics** in an open, critical, and interdisciplinary manner.*

Format: debate

Moderator:

- **Adnan AL RAIS**, Assistant DG - Space Operations and Exploration Sector, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC)

Panelists:

- **Pascale EHRENFREUND**, IAF Past President (2019-2022), President of International Space University (ISU), President of Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)
- **Steve EISENHART**, Senior Vice President, Space Foundation / IAF VP for Global Networking Forum
- **Rena JAFAROVA**, IAC 2023 Project Manager, Azercosmos Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan



- **Agnieszka ŁUKASZCZYK**, Vice President, EU Government Affairs, Planet / IAF Task Force Leader on Sustainability
- **Michael H. MOLONEY**, CEO, American Institute of Physics (AIP)
- **Lionel SUCHET**, Chief Operating Officer, Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES) / IAF VP for Technical Activities

Coffee break (10-min)

Everything you need to know about the IAC 2026 Bid proposals

- **Antalya, TÜRKİYE**: by Turkish Space Agency (TUA)
- **Poznań, POLAND**: by European Space Foundation (ESF)

Format: pitch session (20-min) + Q&A (20-min)

Moderator:

- **Jan KOLAR**, Chair, IAF Congress and Symposium Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Space at the crossroads of Sustainability, Investment and Security (40-min)

Sustainability, Investment and Security are the new driving forces behind the IAF's success. Current and upcoming endeavors such as the IAF President's SIS agenda for 2022-2025, the GLOC 2023 on "Fire and Ice: Space for Climate Action", the IAC 2024 on "Responsible Space for Sustainability", the GLOSS 2024 on "Operating Safely in Space: Challenges and Prospects" and the IAC 2025 on "Sustainable Space, Resilient Earth" will ensure these commitments will be rapidly translated into action.

Format: panel discussion

Moderator:

- **Steve EISENHART**, Senior Vice President, Space Foundation / IAF VP for Global Networking Forum

Panelists:

- **Clay MOWRY**, President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- **Carissa BRYCE CHRISTENSEN**, Founder and CEO, BryceTech / IAF Task Force Leader on Investment
- **James BROWN**, CEO, Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA) / LOC IAC 2025 Sydney
- **Agnieszka ŁUKASZCZYK**, Vice President, EU Government Affairs, Planet / IAF Task Force Leader on Sustainability
- **Uri ORON**, Director General, Israel Space Agency (ISA) / LOC GLOSS 2024
- **Luigi PASQUALI**, CEO, Telespazio / LOC IAC 2024 Milan

Closing Remarks by Master of Ceremony (5-min)

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**IAC Hosts Summit Luncheon @HAC Hall A&B
(13:00-14:00)**