



# Announcements

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## Join us for the signing ceremony of the IAC 2024!

**15 July 2022 from 11:00-12:30 CET**

*in person:*

**Milano, Palazzo Lombardia, Entrance N1,  
Belvedere room 39<sup>th</sup> floor**

*livestreamed*

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The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is pleased to invite you to the beautiful city of Milan, Italy, this **Friday 15 July 2022** for the **signing of the contract** to host **the 75<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress IAC 2024**.

The 75<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress (IAC), scheduled for **11-18 October 2024**, will see the arrival in Milan of over 8,000 experts from industry, research and the institutions and place Italy at the heart of the international debate on the use of Space to support sustainability.

**On Friday 15 July, at 11 a.m., a contract signing ceremony will take place at Palazzo Lombardia between the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and the Associazione Italiana di Aeronautica e Astronautica (AIDAA), which has been appointed to host the 75<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) - the most important global event in the Space sector - in Milan, Italy.** A letter of intent will also be formalised during the ceremony in which

the Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI) and Leonardo will commit to supporting AIDAA in organizing the IAC 2024 in Milan.

The candidacy of Milan, which was declared the winner in October 2021, was promoted by AIDAA, ASI and Leonardo, respectively representing the Italian academic world, institutions and space industry, and enjoyed the pivotal support of the Italian Government and local institutions, in particular the President of the Lombardy Region and the Mayor of Milan.

Taking part in the ceremony will be **Pascale EHRENFREUND**, President of the IAF; **Attilio FONTANA**, President of the Lombardy Region; **Elena BUSCEMI**, President of Milan City Council; **Erasmus CARRERA**, President of AIDAA; **Giorgio SACCOCCIA**, President of ASI; **Alessandro PROFUMO**, CEO of Leonardo; and **Christian FEICHTINGER**, IAF Executive Director.



RESPONSIBLE SPACE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

IAC MILAN 2024

CONTRACT SIGNING  
OFFICIAL CEREMONY

MILAN, 15 JULY 2022

Palazzo Lombardia | Belvedere Room  
Piazza Città di Lombardia, 1 - Entrance N1

## AGENDA

### 11.00 IAC 2024 VIDEO

Erasmus Carrera (*AIDAA President*)  
Attilio Fontana (*Regione Lombardia President*)  
Elena Buscemi (*Milan City Council President*)  
Pascale Ehrenfreund (*IAF President*)  
Christian Feichtinger (*IAF Executive Director*)  
Giorgio Saccoccia (*ASI President*)  
Alessandro Profumo (*Leonardo CEO*)

LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING (*AIDAA/ASI/Leonardo*)

IAC 2024 CONTRACT SIGNING (*IAF/AIDAA*)

PRESS Q&A

### 12.15 Drink



Under the motto “**Responsible Space for Sustainability**”, the intention of the IAC 2024 is to highlight the importance of Space as an *environment* that must be kept secure and open to exploration, peaceful use and international co-operation by present and future generations in the interests of the planet and all nations, regardless of their level of development and without discrimination of any kind. With this aim more than 8,000 experts from space agencies, companies, research centres and associations from across the world will meet at IAC 2024 -

organized with the contribution of AIM Group International - in the Milano Congress Center (Allianz MiCo), Europe's largest conference venue.



There are currently just under 8,000 satellites in orbit, around 5,000 of which are operational, and this number is set to grow significantly in the next few years. Ever more countries and public and private players are becoming actively involved in the space economy. The Earth's orbit is nonetheless a limited resource, and any overcrowding involves risks in terms of security, light pollution

and the availability of data and services provided by space technologies. In the economy, industry, agriculture, transport, energy, finance, urban development, communications, environmental monitoring, and security, space systems are a fundamental tool in the creation of a more digital, green and sustainable future. They are likewise vital for the functioning of society, the economy and global trade. Italy is at the forefront in the challenge of using Space responsibly in the name of sustainability. It is one of the few countries in the world with a complete Space economy supply chain: from manufacturing, through new applications development and satellite services management, to propulsion and launch systems. The country's expertise can be found in the research sector and in companies of all sizes, from start-ups and SMEs to large-scale industry, supported by the institutions. All will come together on 15 July to confirm their commitment to supporting IAC 2024.

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