

IAF – MMoP Meeting – 17 September 2022.

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Dear space enthusiasts, Dear space friends,

Did you know that this is the only meeting – all over the world, across all continents- where Ministers and Parliamentarians together exchange views on their space strategies and relevant space solutions in their countries?

But there is another particularity at this meeting. Here space is made for us. Space is not technic!

Great! But what are the reasons of this meeting?

- Because we are Decision-Makers and as such we cannot be absent from a so important economic sector that represents trillions of dollars in the world to advance science and technology, a sector that involves the Defence and security of our states!
- Because too many parliamentarians are not aware of the many positive impacts of space on the Earth.
- Because, space is a sector that meets specific national needs that is omnipresent in our daily lives that makes our lives easier and that creates benefits for civil society.
- Because, more than ever our world depends on space assets and data in all domains!
- Because, science, innovation, technological progress, as well as the search for our origins, the understanding of the universe and ultimately the benefits of space exploration for the Earth ... are not just for scientists' researchers, and engineers.

They should also be the preserve of Decision Makers!!

Dear Excellencies and colleagues,

I'm very pleased to welcome you all, also, to this third MMoP Meeting after Dubai and Quito.

This being my last official speech as VP President Parliamentary and Ministerial Relations and User Communities, It's life! All good things have an end.

And I would like to sincerely thank those who helped/ moved forward /the MMoP Meeting during my 3-year term

First of all, at the IAF, for having understood very early on the need to involve politicians in the Congress and to organise a meeting dedicated to them

For 12 years, Christian Feichtinger and his team have been organising this Meeting

And I would like to associate, Jean-Yves Legal, Pascale Ehrenfreund and the Bureau for giving me the opportunity to launch a new vision of this Meeting /through the eyes of a parliamentarian. This is really important to meet your expectations.

Also/ a sympathetic thanks to my 2 Co-chairs Sophie Primas- President of the Economic Affairs Commission of the French Senate, and Soltan Mammadov Lead of Azerbaijan and Lead for Azerbaijani working group. As you know Azerbaijan will be hosted the next IAC2023 in the wonderful city of Baku.

Many thanks to Lionel Suchet for his support and congratulations to Philippe Baptiste for hosting this important IAC2022

I don't forget, all the experts, who accompany each of our Meeting. This year:

- Fredric Nordlund, Head of European and External Relations Department ESA who will represent Joseph Aschbacher
- Sergio Saccoccia - President of the Italian Space Agency and

- Philippe Baptiste, President of the Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES)

My last and least but warmest thanks go to all of you, Ministers and Parliamentarians, who want to make this Meeting "The place to be"!

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Now it's time to dive in our 3d Meeting.

We have 5 Ministers and 11 Parliamentarians who will take the floor, The Ministers will present the space strategy, the parliamentarians will present the most relevant space solution in their region.

What are our goals?

We will and we want to make space accessible!

We offer you to exchange, share experiences, information, good practices and initiate synergies between us.

We offer you a unique opportunity to learn and inspire each other by making our meeting a unique source of ideas for operational space solutions.

Our motto must be "What is possible in your country, might also be possible in mine too"

But that's not all, we want to give you the opportunity to showcase your country to showcase yourself in your Parliament and in your Commissions to showcase yourself in your social media with the recording of the event and the photos you will receive at the end of the Congress.

That's our goals!