

## International Space Forum at Ministerial Level The Roman Chapter (ISF 2026)

### *“The Gate to the Sky: Space for Peace”*

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 – Palazzo della Cancelleria, Rome, Italy

### High-Level Invitation

Ten years after the first International Space Forum at Ministerial Level, held in Trento, Italy, in 2016, the International Space Forum (ISF) returns to Italy, this time to Rome. This special edition will provide an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of the Forum’s first decade and to look ahead to its future role as a platform for international dialogue and cooperation through space.

The Italian Space Agency (ASI) and the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) are honoured to formally invite you to the **International Space Forum at Ministerial Level – The Roman Chapter (ISF 2026)**, to be held on **23 November 2026** at the historic *Palazzo della Cancelleria* in Rome.

Participation in the Forum is extended, with particular attention, to Ministers and Authorities responsible for space activities, research, science, technology and education, as well as Heads of space agencies worldwide. Representatives of key non-governmental organizations will also join the Forum as observers.

Guided by the theme **“The Gate to the Sky: Space for Peace”**, ISF 2026 will explore the role of space in fostering international cooperation and contributing to a peaceful, sustainable and responsible future.

Marking the tenth anniversary of the International Space Forum, the programme will look back at the journey **“From Trento to Rome: Ten Years of the International Space Forum”** and at the legacy of previous ISF Chapters, before turning to the challenges of today and to the future role of the Forum.

At the core of the programme, the **Ministerial Dialogue** will be structured around three interconnected themes:

- **The Health of Our Planet** — how space can contribute to protecting our planet, strengthening environmental resilience and supporting sustainable development;
- **Space Dialogue for the Well-Being of Humanity** — how space cooperation can improve people’s lives, broaden access to the benefits of space and strengthen scientific cooperation, knowledge and capacity;
- **Governance, Awareness, Responsibility** — how to address emerging governance challenges and promote greater awareness, responsibility and international cooperation in a rapidly evolving space environment.

These themes will provide a common framework for participating delegations to share their national and regional perspectives, identify key challenges and priorities, and highlight areas where stronger international cooperation — and the ISF in particular — could provide added value.

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All invited Heads of Delegation are therefore encouraged to prepare and deliver a **3-minute statement** addressing one or more of these themes, with particular attention to the needs and priorities of their country or region and to possible areas for future action and cooperation.

As in previous editions of the ISF, the perspectives and contributions emerging throughout the Forum will be reflected in **“The Rome Page”**, which will capture the main inputs from participating delegations.

In continuity with the **Trento Space Statement (2016)**, **Nairobi Page (2017)**, **Buenos Aires Page (2018)**, **Reggio Calabria Page (2019)**, **Panama City Page (2023)**, **Manama Page (2024)**, and **Manila Page (2025)**, the Rome Page will contribute to the Forum’s record of dialogue and provide a reference as the ISF moves into its next decade.

You will find attached the **Draft Programme of the Forum**, which also includes information on the Welcome Reception on 22 November and the Gala Dinner following the Forum on 23 November.

We would be grateful if you could let us know at your earliest convenience, but no later than **13 October 2026**, whether you or your appointed representative intend to participate in the Forum.

Each delegation may include a maximum of three additional official members, advisors or representatives from the national Space Agency, Academia and Research Centres in your country. Please send your confirmation of participation and direct all communications or requests for further information to [spaceforum@iafastro.org](mailto:spaceforum@iafastro.org).

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Rome for this special edition of the International Space Forum and to your contribution to shaping the next chapter of international dialogue and cooperation through space.

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