

8th International Space Forum at Ministerial level
The Roman Chapter

"The gate to the sky: Space for Peace"

Ten Years of Global Dialogue – From Legacy to the Future

Rome, 23 November 2026

INFORMATION NOTE

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Space Forum (ISF) at Ministerial level – The Roman Chapter – is the 8th edition of the initiative launched in 2016 by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) jointly with the Italian Space Agency (ASI).

Ten years after the first International Space Forum (ISF), held in Trento, Italy, in 2016, the Forum returns to Italy for a pivotal moment in its history.

Over the past decade, the Forum has travelled across five continents, bringing together representatives from more than 130 countries and several international space organizations.

By connecting regions with different space capabilities, priorities and needs, the International Space Forum has fostered a growing international network for space dialogue and cooperation. This journey has unfolded through a series of regional Chapters as followed.

The first edition was held in Trento, Italy, in 2016, and led to the adoption of the "Trento Space Statement", a document in which the delegations agreed that the initiative should be continued through regional "Chapters." In the years that followed, the Forum was indeed hosted in various regions around the world.

The African Chapter (2017), hosted by the Kenyan Space Agency in Nairobi, Kenya; The Latin America Chapter (2018), hosted by CONAE in Buenos Aires, Argentina; The Mediterranean Chapter (2019), hosted by the Mediterranea University in Reggio Calabria, Italy; The Central America and the Caribbean Chapter (2023), hosted by the Technological University of Panama in Panama City, Panama, the Gulf Chapter (2024), hosted by the Bahrain Space Agency in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain and The Southeast Asian Chapter (2025) hosted by Philippines Space Agency in Manila, Philippines. You can find further information at: www.iafastro.org/events/international-space-forum-at-ministerial-level-isf/

The International Space Forum is addressed to ***Ministers and Space Authorities,*** as well as **Heads of Space Agencies** and representatives of **academia and research** communities. Relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are also invited to participate as observers.

2. FORUM OBJECTIVES

The world has profoundly changed. The rapid evolution of technology is transforming our societies, international relations, and people's daily lives. Space, as a common good of humanity recognized by the United Nations Treaties, is likely to become a new arena for strategic competition, geopolitical tensions, and competition among global powers.

Today, it is urgent more than ever to refocus the international attention on the importance of the peaceful uses and exploration of outer space.

Space activities can significantly contribute to build peace and strengthen international cooperation by fostering dialogue, facilitating international partnerships and promoting the responsible use of space,

It is in this spirit that the International Space Forum 2026- The Roman Chapter-under the theme "***The Gate to the Sky: Space for Peace***" brings the international community together. The ISF represents an opportunity to take stock of this decade of engagement, reflecting on the International Space Forum's achievements and considering how the initiative can continue to evolve in response to a rapidly changing international space landscape.

3. FORUM PROGRAMME

The first part of the Forum will focus on the legacy of the ISF. An opening keynote will retrace the Forum's first ten years, followed by testimonies from three previous host countries, offering concrete perspectives on the experience of hosting the ISF and on the developments that followed in their respective countries and regions.

Building on this experience, the **Ministerial Dialogue** will form the core of the Forum. Ministers and Heads of Delegation will be invited to contribute the perspectives of their countries and regions through interventions structured around three interconnected themes:

- *The Health of Our Planet*
- *Space Dialogue for the Well-Being of Humanity*
- *Governance, Awareness, Responsibility*

The three themes will provide a common framework for identifying the challenges countries and regions are facing today, the role that space cooperation can play in addressing them, and where stronger international dialogue is needed. At the heart of the discussions are the challenges that will

share our common future: the evolution of international space cooperation and governance, the responsible and sustainable use of outer space, climate action and environmental resilience, sustainable development and the contribution of space technologies to the well-being of the society.

Each Head of delegation may deliver a 3-minute statement. It is recommended to focus on one or more of the three topics described above and present the perspective of the country/organization represented.

Delegations wishing to make a statement are kindly requested to submit their intentions in advance to the following email addresses: spaceforum@iafastro.org, isf2026@asi.it

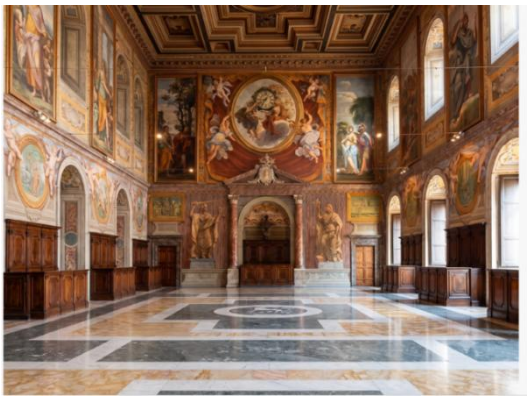
At the end of the Forum, delegations will endorse the ***Rome Page***, a final declaration which will be added to the previous Pages, such as the *Nairobi Page*, the *Buenos Aires Page*, the *Reggio Calabria Page*, the *Panama Page*, the *Manama Page* and the *Manila Page*. You can find detailed information at: www.iafastro.org/events/international-space-forum-at-ministerial-level-isf/.

The Official Language of the Forum is English. No translation is provided.

4. DATE AND LOCATION

The Forum will be held in Rome, Italy, on **Monday, 23 November 2026,** at *Palazzo della Cancelleria*, Piazza della Cancelleria, 1, 00186 Rome.





5. SOCIAL EVENTS

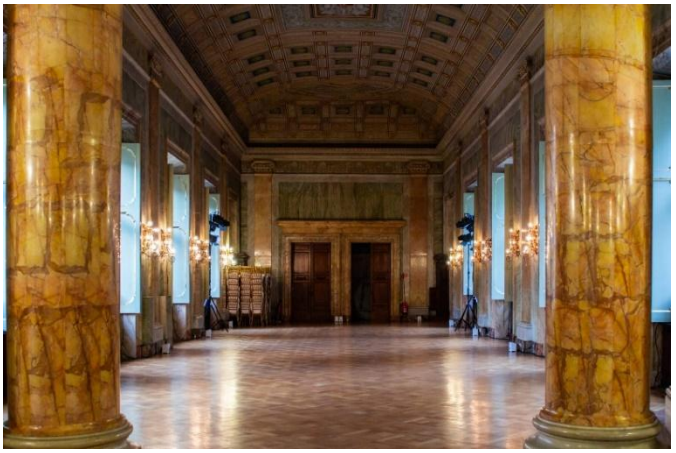
On Sunday 22 November ASI will host a **Welcome Reception** at the *La Lanterna,* Via Tomacelli 157, 00186 Rome, at 7:30 pm.





On Monday 23 November, delegations are invited to a **Gala dinner** offered by the Italian Space Authority. It will take place at the Galleria del Cardinale – Palazzo Colonna, Via della Pilotta, 17/A, 00187 Rome at 20:00.





Each delegate is kindly invited to confirm his attendance for each of the events.

6. PARTICIPANTS AND DELEGATIONS

Participation in the International Space Forum is open to Ministers and Authorities in charge of space activities. **Delegations should be composed of a maximum of 4 delegates**, including representatives from both the government and the national research and academic communities.

Each delegation is kindly invited to communicate its composition to spaceforum@iafastro.org, isf2026@asi.it.

7. ACCOMMODATION IN ROME

Participants are kindly invited to make their own reservations at the hotels of their preference.

Should the participants need support for booking flights and accommodation, the travel agency ACI BLUETEAM can be contacted at the following email address: btallservice@aciblueteam.it.