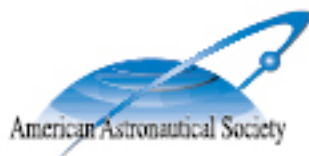


Letter of Invitation

Dear Colleague:

I would like to invite you to attend the second Global Space Development Summit on November 12-13, 2009, in Washington, DC. The Summit, co-organized by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the Chinese Society of Astronautics (CSA), the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and the Space Foundation, and co-sponsored by American Astronautical Society (AAS), the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), and the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), will involve high-level political, agency, academic and industry participants from space-faring nations around the world in discussions of the benefits and challenges of international cooperation in space. Over the course of two days, summit participants will examine critical developments on issues related to space exploration and Earth observations. This event is the second of what we hope will become an annual summit intended to focus on the future of international coordination and governance structures for space development and exploration.

This summit builds on the momentum of the inaugural Global Space Development Summit, held in Beijing in April 2008, and the resulting Beijing Declaration, which focuses on international cooperation in two vital areas—Earth observations and space exploration. The Declaration has been endorsed by an ever-increasing number of individuals from around the world from governments, non-profit organizations, industry, and academia. On November 12th, questions of space exploration governance will be discussed, with a particular emphasis on the international lunar base project recommended in the Beijing Declaration. On the 13th, the Symposium on Earth Observation will examine the importance of Earth observations to a variety of national and international issues and discuss the current state of cooperation, particularly with regard to the development of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). A variety of stakeholder audiences, extending well beyond the space community, will be included in the second day's discussion. This symposium is being developed in cooperation with the United States Group on Earth Observations (USGEO), an inter-agency subcommittee of the President's National Science and Technology Council. International leaders of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO) from Asia, Africa, and Europe are invited to participate in the Symposium on the 13th. The following week, the United States will be hosting GEO's Sixth Annual Plenary meeting (GEO-VI) in Washington, which will include representatives from over 75 governments and more than 50 international organizations.



The registration fee for the Summit is \$500, and participants will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodations. You can register for the Summit by clicking [here](#), as seating is limited, we ask that you register as soon as possible to secure your seat. This invitation to the Summit is non-transferrable (except in limited circumstances). Additional information about the summit can be found at our website at <http://globalspacesummit.com>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at space@csis.org or by phone at 202.775.3114.

I look forward to your participation in Global Space Development Summit.

Sincerely,



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