



The NewSpace Africa Conference 2023

Theme:

**Space for Africa's
Socio-Economic
Transformation**

**Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire,
Abidjan, Ivory Coast,
25th to 28th April 2023.**

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The NewSpace Conference 2023



The NewSpace Africa Conference 2023 was a 4-day conference featuring selected keynotes, interactive sessions, panel discussions, business pitches, B2B matchmaking, B2C matchmaking and unique networking opportunities.



Dignitaries at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2023

The high-level gathering of space actors on the continent records a massive turnout of 400 delegates from over 190 organisations domiciled across 54 countries, including representatives from ministries, space agencies, academia, the commercial sector

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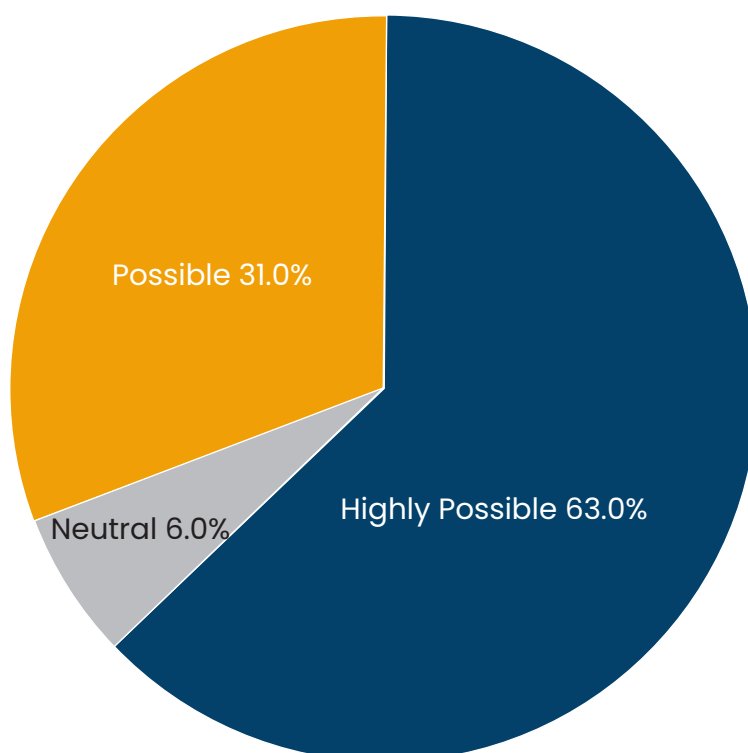


Programme and Feedback **2**



The conference programme featured 21 panel discussions and 14 keynote speeches, with over 80 speakers. Furthermore, over 400 delegates from 54 countries across four continents attended virtually and physically. Notably, the attendees included Heads of Space Agencies from Angola, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia, and Uganda.

At the end of the conference, we shared a survey form to receive feedback from the conference participants. Quite a number of delegates were there to learn more about the development of the African space industry and the opportunities for growth in the ecosystem, share and exchange ideas, showcase their products and services, find business opportunities, and learn about private sector growth in the ecosystem. According to our survey data, 87% of the participants rated their overall conference experience as very satisfactory and 84% of them are likely to recommend the conference to other professionals and attend future editions of the conference. We conducted interviews with some of the conference delegates, and they shared some feedback on their NewSpace Africa Conference 2023 experience in [this](#) short video.



Probability of future participation.

Source: Space in Africa.

2.1 Panel Discussions at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2023

Day 1



Prof. Adama Diawara



Dr Tidiane Ouattara



Prof. Mohammed Belhocine



L-R: Dr Sherif Sedky, Dr Akram El-Kasih, Dr Zolana Joao, Dr Halilu Shaba and Mr Ziyaad Soreefan on the Status Updates on African Space Agencies' Activities Panels at the NSAC 2023



L-R: Mr Andre Nonguierma, Ms Andiswa Mlisa, Dr Assize Toure, Mr Hambani Masheleni, and Prof. Islam El-Magdi at the NSAC 2023



L-R: Dr Frederic Ouattara, Dr Mambimba Ndjoungui, Dr Doreen Agaba and Dr Lisho Mundia on the Status Updates on African Space Agencies' Activities Panels at the NSAC 2023

Day 2



L - R: Dr Gayane Faye, Monica Miguel-Lago, Prof. Barbara Riedler, Dr Tidiane Ouattara, Mr Semouf Diouf, Dr Jane Bemigisha, and Dr Giuseppe Borghi on the Roundtable on Space Cooperation for Business and Sustainable Growth panel



Mr Laurent D'Ersu



Col. Daniel Timothy Ray



L -R: Me Etim Offiong, Dr Peter Martinez, Dr Julia Selman-Ayetey, and Col. Daniel Ray on the Importance of Space Security in Africa panel



L-R: Ms Njeri Maina, Catherine Ghyoot, Dr Assize Toure, Prof. Islam El-Magd, Dr Thembi Xaba, Dr Mobio Brice, and Dr Kouakou Malano on the Space for sustainable development in Africa panel



L-R: Ms Andiswa Mlisa, Mr Pascoal Ale Fernandes, and Prof. Mohammed Belhocine on the Ministerial Panel



L-R: Leehandi de Witt-Kearney, Dr Ayman Ahmed, Mr David du Toit, and Dr Gayane Faye on the Small Satellites – opportunities, risks and potentials for Africans panel

Day 3



L-R: Meshack Ndiritu, Dr Peter Martinez, Dr Arlette Tanga, Dr Julia Selman-Ayetey, Mike-Alec Kearney, and Etim Offiong on the policies and regulations for accelerating industry growth panel



L-R: Rorisang Moyo, Prof. Robert van Zyl, Dr Jean-Denis Gabikini, Andiswa Mlisa, and Hazuki Mori, on the Advancing public-private partnerships and international collaborations panel



L-R: Anna Aikohi, Bruno Parenti, and Gonzalo Lopez-Casanueva on the Doing space business in Africa – our experience and perspective panel



L-R: Johannes du Toit, Prof. Issouf Gabikini, Prof. George Wiafe, Christopher Luwanga, and Dr Jean-Dennis Gabikini on the Investments and Funding for private sector development in Africa: opportunities, lessons Learned panel



L-R: Hamed Gamal, Dr Abimbola Alale, and Dr Zolana Joao on the role of satellites in building a connected Africa panel

Day 4



L-R: Alvin Alenxander, Andre Nonguierna, Selina Hayes, Dr Giuseppe Borghi, and Dr Guillaume Loonis-Quelen on the Collaborating with Africa- the international organisations' perspective panel



L-R: Dr Taiwo Tejumola, Prof. Paul Baki, Dibi Nda Hyppolite, Prof. Frederic Ouattara, Prof. Kouame Fernand and Prof. Jean Pitot on the Towards revamping the space curricula in African academia panel



L-R: Ayooluwa Adetola, Dr Marie Korsaga, Marie Makuate, Bethlehem Girma, Zahra Okba, and Rachel Kumwenda on the Perspective from the next generation panel



L-R: Dr Bachir Saley, Dr Aboubakar Mambimba Ndjoungui, Colonel Francis Ngabo, Prof. Affian Kouadio, Professor Cheikh Mbow, and Ouattara Marie Antoinette on the Space climate change and disaster risk reduction panel

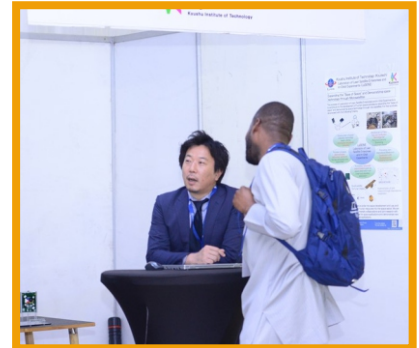


Moments from the 2023 Newspace Africa Conference



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2.2 Exhibitors





Exhibition and networking sessions at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2023

2.3 Lagoon Stroll



Delegates' Visit to the Ebrie Lagoon

2.4 Location and Venue

The conference was held at the renowned Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan, Ivory Coast – a popular and highly-regarded meeting venue in the city.



Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan



*The NewSpace Africa 2023
Conference Hall; Salle Bouake*



*The NewSpace Africa 2023
Exhibition Hall: La Patinoire*

Opportunities – Startup Development Programme 2023

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GMES & Africa, in conjunction with Space in Africa, organised the Startup Development Programme, showcasing the brightest 15 local, budding startups in various stages of growth in the EO and geospatial segment.



GAIA Initiative Startups Development Programme Winners



Hamed Gamal,
Founder, African Space Access



Komlan Richard Folly,
Founder, CEO, African Geospace



Marie Brigitte Makuete,
Founder, Geospatial Girls and Kids



Assefa Botelhem Girma,
Co-founder & CEO, Aethiops Engineering PLC



Allan Mbabani,
Executive Director, Opardimwapi Uganda



Adam Bouramdane,
CEO, GEOLAMBEST



Emmanuella Élisabeth Bokame,
Founder, Africametz Community



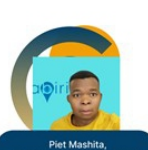
Harry Ayuk-Ngolo Tebi Ndip,
Co-Founder and Project Lead, Aeraspace Bati



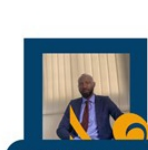
Eric Nyadimo,
Managing Director, Qasar Services Ltd



Kumbirai Nicholas Matingo,
Founder, Kumbirai Innovations



Piet Mashita,
CEO/Co-Founder, Aeri Innovations



John-Freddy Ngabikoumou Maleghu,
Drone-Health



Rachel Lusungu Kumwenda,
Founder, Drone Link



Fatime Kanté,
Executive Director, GEOMATICA

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Winners of the Startups Development Programme 2023

The Startups Development programme is part of the GAIA initiative's strategy to develop and source indigenous talents and innovations using Earth observation technologies across various African industries. In addition, the GAIA initiative aims to create an environment for co-creation and cross-fertilisation among young or early-stage entrepreneurs to form viable startups and enhance capacity and participation in the GMES and Africa phase 2 programme.

The NewSpace Africa Conference 2023 stands out as one of the most remarkable space events in Africa, and its impact is apparent in the various partnership events and industry developments that have been set in motion. It is also evident in the extensive social media outreach and engagement it has received, evidence of which can be found by searching for the hashtags: #NewSpaceAfrica2023 and #NewSpaceAfricaconference. In addition, we are excited to announce that plans are already underway for the NewSpace Africa Conference 2024 and we cannot wait to welcome you to this exciting event.

Participating Institutions **4**



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