

The NewSpace Africa Conference 2022

**Theme: Making Africa the New
Hotspot for Space Business**

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1. The NewSpace Africa Conference 2022

The NewSpace Africa Conference 2022 was a gathering of industry leaders, decision-makers, commercial space companies, investors, and other key stakeholders, specifically the African NewSpace ecosystem, who came together to highlight business opportunities and discuss innovative ways to turn Africa into a reputable space power. The conference, themed "Making Africa the New Hotspot for Space Business," was held at Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi, Kenya, from 25th to 27th April 2022.

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2. Participating Institutions

Over 100 attendees from 72 organisations participated in the NewSpace Africa Conference 2022.

2.1 Government institutions



2.2 Commercial Institutions

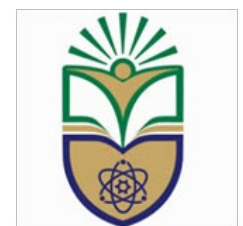




2.3 Foundations



2.4 Academic institutions



3. Opportunities

The 3-day conference also featured selected keynotes, interactive sessions, panel discussions, business pitches, B2B matchmaking, B2C matchmaking and unique networking opportunities.

In Temidayo Oniosun, Managing Director, Space in Africa's opening speech, he noted that the conference was to foster more collaboration among African countries and commercial companies, academia and other stakeholders in the African space industry, which was evident in the proceedings and agenda of the conference.



Attendees networking at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2022 exhibition

Emphasis was placed on building new partnerships and business collaborations to advance the industry's growth, specifically the NewSpace ecosystem. It provided ample opportunity for attendees to stay updated on new developments across stakeholder organisations in the industry, emphasising new business opportunities, technological advancements, new policies and strategies, new programmes, investment opportunities and other critical developments across the industry value chain.

The conference proved to be an avenue to share breaking news/updates about national space development programs and business development opportunities.



Colonel Ngabo speaking on Rwanda's space programme

The keynote speakers at the event included the following industry leaders,



Colonel Hillary Kipkosgey, DG, Kenya Space Agency



Honourable Eugene L. Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary of Defence, Kenya giving his welcome address



Dr Tidiane Ouattara, AUC Space Science Expert and GMES & Africa Program Coordinator



Ethan Mudavanhu, Market Intelligence Consultant, Access Partnership



Dr Val Munsami, Chancellor, ISU, made a keynote address at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2022

Dr Ayman Ahmed, Member, Board of Directors, Egyptian Space Agencies



Dr Peter Martinez, Executive Director, Secure World Foundation



Dr Cui Yufu, Chief Engineer and Project Manager, DFH Satellite Company

4. Program and Feedback

With 45 speakers and over 100 delegates from 29 countries across four continents in attendance both virtually and physically, including Heads of Space Agencies from Nigeria, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Namibia, Gabon, Rwanda, Egypt, Senegal, and Uganda, the conference program featured over 14-panel discussions and five keynote speeches



Heads of Space Agencies at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2022





Attendees during panel discussions at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2022

4.1 Panel Discussions at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2022



Heads of Space Agencies Panel - Day 1



Newspace landscape in Africa - opportunities & challenges



Investments and funding landscape in the ecosystem - opportunities, lessons learned





Colonel Francis Ngabo: CEO, Rwanda Space Agency



Fernand Bale: Director, CGIN



Dr Gayane FAYE
Head of the Senegal Space Program



Aboubakar MAMBIMBA NDJOUNGUI
Deputy General Manager - AGEOS - GABON

Heads of Space Agencies Presentation - Day 2



Innovations for connectivity - addressing the continent's digital



Addressing the talent gap in the African space industry divide



Small satellites - opportunities, risks and potentials for Africa



Space for sustainable development in Africa



Newspace for satellite navigation and EO development



Heads of Space Agencies Presentation - Day 3



Dr Painos Gweme, Coordinator, ZINGSA



Doing business in Africa



Roles of policies and regulations in accelerating industry growth.



Accelerating public-private and international collaborations



Industry outlook - growth projection

5. NewSpace Africa Startup Pitch Competition

The startup pitch showcase of the NewSpace Startup Pitch Competition was physically completed at the conference. In addition, to better exploit the networking opportunities that the conference presented, a cocktail reception and a closing dinner were held during the conference.



NewSpace Africa Startup Pitch Competition Judges



Daniel Odido representing Aerospace Insights

Rama Afullo representing Sallyt



Pattern Odhiambo representing SayariLabs

Sid Parmar representing Ignitos Space



Colonel Kipgoskey presenting the award to Ignitos Space, winner of the NewSpace Africa Startup Pitch Competition



Thierry Tchangole representing CosmoLabHub

6. Cocktail Reception and Closing Dinner



Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to watch the live proceedings of each conference day. [Here](#) is a short highlight from the conference.

7. Feedback

Following an interview with some of our attendees and speakers, we identified new issues and discussions that the conference sparked. These include the influence of Africa on the global space economy, evaluating industry-favourable policies following the matters discussed in this year's conference, the role of international stakeholders in the African space and satellite industry and government initiatives for ecosystem growth and development.

Overall, the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, with an average of 60 per cent of participants with favourable feedback on the experience.

8. Location and Venue

The conference was held at the prestigious Villa Rosa Kempinski Hotel, Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya, one of the choice meeting venues in the city.



Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi, Kenya



The NewSpace Africa Conference 2022 hall

The NewSpace Africa Conference 2022 is arguably one of the most notable pioneer events in Africa 2022, and this is evident in the social media reach and interactions the conference garnered. Search for the hashtags: [#NewSpaceAfrica2022](#) [#NewSpaceAfricaConference](#) and see what comes up!

We look forward to hosting you at the NewSpace Africa Conference 2023.