

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

International Astronautical Congress (IAC)  
29 September – 03 October 2025, Sydney, Australia

The Department of Trade, Industry & Competition (**the dtic**) in partnership with the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) and South African National Space Agency (SANSa) will be leading participation of the South African Space sector at upcoming International Astronautical Congress (IAC) to be held in Sydney, Australia from 29 September – 03 October 2025.

The theme of IAC Sydney 2025 is “*Sustainable Space: Resilient Earth*” which will set the stage for important discussions such as: space-based application for earth; sustainable space activities; and sustaining life off earth. Key focus areas include showcasing the Asia Pacific region, inspiring and engaging the next generation’s space workforce, engaging a broad range of industries, and educating the community about ‘why space matters’ through the IAC’s open day.

The DSTI and SANSa have funded the floorspace for the South African participation for this edition and companies are hereby invited to showcase their South African technologies and capabilities by exhibiting in the SA Shell scheme. As such, companies would be responsible for the cost of establishing a shell scheme type stand that includes furniture & equipment.

South African space companies are invited to express interest to be accommodated on the SA pavilion to showcase technologies, capabilities by means of exhibition hardware and/or software.

The DTIC’s Export Marketing and Investment Assistance (EMIA) grant funding programme can be considered. Please review information on elements covered in relation to meeting the qualifying criteria within the guidelines as per the following link - <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/individual-exhibitions/> Applications need to be made online using the same link. **Applications need to be in by Wednesday, 25 June 2025.**

An extension may be granted only for outstanding supporting documentation (please obtain confirmation from the programme official in this instance). No late applications will be accepted after 25 June 2025.

Once applications have been adjudicated, a pre-approval letter will be issued confirming specific elements and value that will be reimbursed. Participants are required to pay all required costs upfront and claim post the event.

Please note that participation is not dependent on whether a company obtains grant funding through EMIA programme of **the dtic**, the programme is an incentive to participate. Companies that withdraw at late stage may not be considered for future Government led export marketing programmes.

Should you need assistance with online application please contact, and urgently. Please urgently confirm participation by 25 June 2025.

Please RSVP your participation at the SA pavilion to Khumbulani Mkhize [kmkhize@sansa.org.za](mailto:kmkhize@sansa.org.za) by Friday, 13 June 2025 and submit your application to the **dtic** for funding to Ms Hermina Lewis @HLewis@thedtic.gov.za 012 394 173 by 25 June 2025.

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