



**15<sup>th</sup> IAF International Meeting**

**for**

**Ministers and Members of  
Parliaments**

**Programme**

***Space the Indispensable Ally for  
Decision-Makers***

- Sunday 28 September 2025 -

*Parliament of New South Wales*

*6 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia*

## Sunday, 28 September 2025

The MMoP Meeting will take place in the **Plenary Hall**  
of the Parliament of New South Wales

09:00 Welcome Coffee

09:25 Group Picture

09:30 Welcome Remarks

- **Clay Mowry**, President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- **MMoP 2025 Co-Chair**, **xxxx of Australia**, IAC 2025 Host Country
- **Dominique Tilmans**, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentarian and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremony of the 15<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Meeting, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

### 10:15 Session 1: *Space for Disaster and Risk Management*

*Today, we are all exposed to serious vulnerabilities: drought, reduced or excessive rainfall, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, man-made catastrophes... which are menacing our environment putting in danger our lives, our economy and impacting properties, flora, fauna and cultural heritage.*

*Luckily, Space solutions have the potential to help governments and administrations to manage disaster risks. They play a crucial role in all phases of the disaster risk management cycle: from prevention and preparedness to response and recovery.*

*Keynote Speech and Moderation by **Simonetta Cheli**, Director of Earth Observation Programmes and Head of ESRIN, European Space Agency (ESA) (TBC)*

*Interventions by Ministers and Members of Parliaments*

*Roundtable Discussion*

### 11:15 Session 2: *Space in Support of Society*

*Space solutions play a key role in helping policy-makers address societal challenges and develop policies that meet public needs. Rationalization of traffic management, improvement of public transport, dynamic urban planning, air quality, management of drinking water supplies, optimizing energy and waste without forgetting supporting healthcare and emergency response... Space technology offers valuable solutions in many sectors.*



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Keynote Speech and Moderation by **Salem Al Qubaisi**, Director General, UAE Space Agency (TBC)

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Roundtable Discussion

## 12:15 Session 3: Space-based Solutions for Civil Protection

Space solutions have become powerful tools for governments to address long-standing challenges. By providing real-time monitoring and precise detection capabilities, these technologies help to combat illegal activities such as illegal fishing, trafficking of goods, discharges from ships on the high seas but also planning sustainable aquaculture activities, monitoring water turbidity, improving the management of marine protected areas.

Space-based solutions have also improved border surveillance, enabling policy makers to implement more effective security measures.

Keynote Speech and Moderation by **Enrico Palermo**, Head, Australian Space Agency

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## 13:15 Closing Remarks

- **MMoP 2025 Co-Chair**, xxxx of Australia, IAC 2025 Host Country
- **Dominique Tilmans**, Special Advisor to the IAF President on Parliamentarian and Ministerial Relations and Master of Ceremonies of the 15<sup>th</sup> IAF MMoP Event

## 13:30 Lunch Break

## 14:30 MMoP Cultural Visit to the Sydney Opera House

Transfer will be provided from the Parliament of New South Wales to the location of the Cultural visit and MMoP 2025 Dinner.

## 19:00 IAF International Meeting for Ministers and Members of Parliaments Cocktail and Dinner Sydney Opera House

Bennelong Point, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

## Monday, 29 September 2025

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*The IAC 2025 will take place at the International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney)  
located in 14 Darling Dr., Sydney NSW 2000, Australia*

**08:30- 09:15** VIP Gathering

*American Express Lounge, ICC Sydney Theatre (IAC 2025 venue)*

**09:30 – 11:00** IAC 2025 Opening Ceremony

*ICC Sydney Theatre - Reserved VIP Seats for the MMoPs*

**11:15 – 12:15** Exhibition Opening

*ICC Sydney, Convention Centre – Exhibition Area*

**12:30 – 13:30** VIP Luncheon

*ICC Sydney, Convention Centre - Parkside 1*

**13:45 – 15:15** Plenary Event 1: One to One with Heads of Agencies

*ICC Sydney Theatre*

**15:15 – 18:00** Free time to visit the Exhibition and attending the IAF GNFs Sessions and other portions of the IAC 2025 Programme

**18:15 – 19:15** Plenary Event 2: Host Plenary Title

*ICC Sydney Theatre*

**19:30 – 22:30** IAC 2025 Welcome Reception

*ICC Sydney, Exhibition Centre – Hall 5/6/7*

## Tuesday, 30 September 2025

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**08:00 – 08:45** Industry Breakfast

*ICC Sydney, Convention Centre – Parkside 1*

**09:00 – 10:00** Plenary Event 3: Plenary Title

*ICC Sydney, Convention Centre – Pyrmont Theatre*

**10:00 – 12:30** Free time to visit the Exhibition and attending the IAF GNFs Sessions and other portions of the IAC 2025 Programme

**12:30 – 13:30** Industry Luncheon

*ICC Sydney, Convention Centre – Parkside 1*



## Address Information

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Recommended Hotel:	<b>Sofitel Darling Harbour</b> <i>12 Darling Dr, Sydney NSW 2000</i>
	<b>W Sydney</b> <i>31 Wheat Rd, Sydney NSW 2000</i>
	<b>Hilton Sydney</b> <i>488 George St, Sydney NSW 2000</i>
	<a href="https://www.iac2025.org/accommodation/">https://www.iac2025.org/accommodation/</a>
MMoP Venue:	<b>Parliament of New South Wales</b> <i>6 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia</i>
MMoP Dinner Venue:	<b>Sydney Opera House</b> <i>Bennelong Point, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia</i>
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