



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

"African Space in Action: Structure, Decide, Deploy."

THURSDAY 24 – SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

Post-event: Sunday 27 September 2026 · Executive Business Meeting: 28, 29 & 30 September 2026

DOORS 09:00 · CLOSE 17:00

Parc des Expositions d'Abidjan

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire · Official Gala: Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport

ORGANISERS

African Space Agency · AfSA

Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Fondation Eburnie Space

FORMAT GUIDE

ASPEX Solutions Showcase

Continuous exhibition · stands · country pavilions · tech demos

ASPEX Pitch & Acceleration

Startup pitches · jury · post-ASPEX support

Meet Up (Sponsored)

Networking session · registration required · limited seats

ASPEX Celebrate

Gala · awards · festive networking & evening events

ASPEX Business Arena

B2B · B2G · G2G meetings · negotiations · signings

ASPEX Talent & Future

Young Talent Men (young Africans) · Women Space Power (young African women & girls)

INSPIREX

"The Leaders" speakers · 6 sessions · 45 min

ASPEX Project Lab

Co-construction · pilot projects · partnerships

ASPEX Culture & Outreach

Immersive experiences · academic & hands-on workshops

Country Days

Guest countries of honour · best country pavilion

DAY 1 • THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

Opening of the Africa Space Expo • 09:00 – 17:00

MORNING

WELCOME	08:30 Registration & welcome of participants Prior digital & on-site registration • badges and wristbands by profile • doors open 09:00
SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE	09:00 ASPEX Solutions Showcase — Official opening Free visit of stands • country pavilions • demonstrations • zones identified by theme
Official Opening Ceremony CENTRAL STAGE	
OPENING	09:30 — Address by the Director-General of ASCI (Ivorian Space Agency)
OPENING	09:45 — Address by AfSA
OPENING	10:00 — Ministerial addresses — Higher Education & Scientific Research • Digital Transition & Technological Innovation
OPENING	10:15 — Address by the guest countries of honour
OPENING	10:30 — Address by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence
SIGNATURES	10:45 — Signings & memoranda of understanding
OPENING	10:55 — Official ribbon cutting & inaugural visit — official launch of ASPEX 2026 • full opening of all spaces
BUSINESS ARENA	11:00 Opening of B2B & B2G meetings Qualified appointments via the platform • meetings with space agencies & mapping centres
PROJECT LAB	11:00 ASPEX Project Lab — Session #1 Technical discussions • working sessions with the committees (high-impact projects & solutions)

12:30 *Lunch break & open networking • On-site catering*

AFTERNOON

SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE	13:30 ASPEX Solutions Showcase — resumes Sector activations • university & school groups • qualified & other organised groups
BUSINESS ARENA	13:30 B2B / B2G / G2G meetings — afternoon Scheduled meetings • investor sessions
TALENT & FUTURE	13:30 Hackathons — Selected teams debrief Debrief of the 5 Young Talent Men & 5 Women Space Power teams • work with mentors & jury • final adjustments before the finals

INSPIREX #1 / 6

INSPIREX

14:30

INSPIREX #1 / 6 — The Leaders

INSPIREX Room · 45-minute session · humanise & inspire

CULTURE & OUTREACH

14:50

ASPEX Culture & Outreach — Workshops

Immersive experiences · open access

PITCH

15:00

ASPEX Pitch & Acceleration — Track A

~10 pitches · 10–15 min · institutional & financial jury · investor orientation

INSPIREX #2 / 6

INSPIREX

15:15

INSPIREX #2 / 6 — The Leaders

INSPIREX Room · 45-minute session · theme chosen by the speaker

MEET UP #1 — SPONSORED SESSION SPACE

MEET UP

15:45

MEET UP #1 — Sponsored networking session (45 min)

Sponsor space · theme chosen by the sponsor · registration required · limited seats

CLOSING

16:30

Day 1 close — Business Arena & Project Lab

Meeting summary · agreements in principle · Project Lab readout · next session Day 2

17:00 Doors close · End of Day 1

PLATINUM SPONSOR GALA — PRIVATE EVENING

Thu 24 Sept · 19:00 – 23:00 · VIP venue · 100 guests max

19:00 Dedicated welcome cocktail — VIP guest reception

20:00 High-level private dinner · prestige table

21:30 Strategic networking — executives · institutions · investors

23:00 End of the Platinum evening

DAY 2 • FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

Main Day • Gala in the Evening • 09:00 – 17:00

★ Countries Day — Guest countries of honour

MORNING

WELCOME	08:30 Welcome of participants — Day 2 Doors open at 09:00
SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE	09:00 ASPEX Solutions Showcase — Day 2 opening Continuous exhibition • free visit • zones by theme
BUSINESS ARENA	09:00 B2B / B2G / G2G meetings — morning Dedicated rooms • investor sessions • closed bilateral tables
PROJECT LAB	09:00 ASPEX Project Lab — Session #2 Continued discussions • deliberations • partnership consolidation
TALENT & FUTURE	09:00 Hackathons — Team work Young Talent Men • Women Space Power • mentor & coach support
INSPIREX #3 / 6	
INSPIREX	09:30 INSPIREX #3 / 6 — The Leaders INSPIREX Room • 45-minute session • humanise & inspire
MEET UP #2 — SPONSORED SESSION SPACE	
MEET UP	10:30 MEET UP #2 — Sponsored networking session (45 min) Sponsor space • theme chosen by the sponsor • registration required • limited seats
CULTURE & OUTREACH	11:10 Immersive workshops Simulators • augmented reality — university, school, qualified & other organised groups
PITCH	11:10 ASPEX Pitch & Acceleration — Track B ~10 pitches • 10–15 min • institutional & financial jury • continuation of Track A
12:30 Lunch break & open networking • On-site catering	

AFTERNOON

SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE	13:30 ASPEX Solutions Showcase — afternoon Continuous exhibition • last-minute appointments
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BUSINESS ARENA	13:30 B2B / B2G / G2G meetings — afternoon Preliminary agreements · finalisation of ongoing negotiations
INSPIREX #4 / 6	
INSPIREX	13:30 INSPIREX #4 / 6 — The Leaders INSPIREX Room · 45-minute session · theme chosen by the speaker
PROJECT LAB	14:30 Project Lab — Interim readout Progress update · priority areas · commitments to formalise on Day 3
MEET UP #3 — SPONSORED SESSION SPACE	
MEET UP	14:30 MEET UP #3 — Sponsored networking session (45 min) Sponsor space · theme chosen by the sponsor · registration required · limited seats
TALENT & FUTURE	15:10 Hackathons — Final presentations & deliberation Finalist projects (Young Talent Men · Women Space Power) · jury deliberation · winners announced at the Gala in the evening
CULTURE & OUTREACH	15:10 Flagship workshop — Societal outreach Open-access public session · active participation · live demonstrations
BUSINESS ARENA	15:10 Investor sessions — afternoon African space deal flow · Pitch Track A & B startups presented
COUNTRY DAYS	16:20 Country Days — Guest countries of honour Enhanced staging · tailored programming · front-line visibility
17:00 Doors close · End of Day 2	

ASPEX CELEBRATE — OFFICIAL GALA

Fri 25 Sept · Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport · Dress code: national attire of the guest countries

19:00	Welcome cocktail — panoramic terrace
20:00	Entry into the Gala hall · live afro-contemporary musical welcome
20:15	Opening speeches — AfSA & ASCI · thanks to the gala sponsors
20:30	Gala dinner — prestige Ivorian gastronomy
21:15	Sponsor & partner spotlight · enhanced visibility for the main sponsor
21:30	ASPEX Awards — Strategic Distinctions · Innovation · Institutional Excellence · the 3 Hackathon winners announced (Young Talent Men & Women Space Power)
22:00	Artistic show — afro-contemporary fusion · live performance
22:30	Festive evening — dancing · networking · pan-African conviviality
00:00	End of the ASPEX Celebrate Gala

DAY 3 • SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

Grand Finale & Closing Ceremony • 09:00 – 17:00

MORNING

WELCOME	08:30 Welcome of participants — Day 3 Doors open at 09:00 • final exhibition day
SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE	09:00 ASPEX Solutions Showcase — Day 3 opening Final day of visits • final signing opportunities
BUSINESS ARENA	09:00 Official session — Partnership signings & MoUs Formalisation of Project Lab partnerships • commitment & funding announcements • press
TALENT & FUTURE	09:00 Hackathons — Winning projects showcase Demonstration of award-winning solutions • trophies presented at the closing ceremony
MEET UP #4 — SPONSORED SESSION SPACE	
MEET UP	09:45 MEET UP #4 — Sponsored networking session (45 min) Sponsor space • theme chosen by the sponsor • registration required • limited seats
CULTURE & OUTREACH	10:30 Immersive experiences — open to the general public Activations • academic & hands-on workshop • space awareness
PROJECT LAB	10:30 Project Lab — Final session & roadmap Signings • commitments & funding • post-ASPEX 2026 roadmap
INSPIREX #5 / 6	
INSPIREX	10:30 INSPIREX #5 / 6 — The Leaders INSPIREX Room • 45-minute session • theme chosen by the speaker
INSPIREX #6 / 6	
INSPIREX	11:15 INSPIREX #6 / 6 — The Leaders • Closing session Closing of the INSPIREX series • 45-minute session
12:00 <i>Lunch break & final networking • last business exchanges</i>	

AFTERNOON — GRAND FINALE & OFFICIAL CLOSING

SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE	13:30 ASPEX Solutions Showcase — progressive close Final hour of visits · closing exchanges
BUSINESS ARENA	13:30 Final B2B meetings — Arena close Last-minute signings · review of concluded agreements
MEET UP #5 — SPONSORED SESSION SPACE	
MEET UP	13:30 MEET UP #5 — Sponsored networking session (45 min) Sponsor space · theme chosen by the sponsor · registration required · limited seats
PITCH	14:30 Grand Finale — 10 finalists · ASPEX Pitch Grand Prix Central Stage · final pitches · expanded jury (Institutions · VCs · industry) · 10–15 min
DELIBERATION	15:00 Jury deliberation & winners announcement ASPEX Acceleration Program · post-ASPEX support
COUNTRY DAYS	15:30 Country Days — Best Country Pavilion Honouring the best country pavilion
Official Closing Ceremony · Central Stage · 16:00 – 17:00	
16:00	Provisional review of the ASPEX 2026 edition
16:15	Stakeholder feedback & perceptions
16:25	Final awards presentation — Pitch Grand Prix & Hackathon winners
16:40	Thanks to partners · certificates presented to volunteers
16:50	Official announcement of ASPEX 2027 dates · guest country of honour announced · closing speeches by AfSA & ASCI
<i>“Africa has just built its space business platform.”</i>	
17:00 — Official close of ASPEX 2026 · End of the Africa Space Expo	

POST-ASPEX · SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

VISITOR & DELEGATION EXPERIENCE

TOURISM

From 10:00

Abidjan Tour — City tour

Online registration · limited places · free of charge

PREMIUM

Afternoon

Premium Lagoon Cruise

Premium gastronomic ambiance · select lounge & networking experience · exclusive DJ set · high-end immersive setting · paid registration

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING

28, 29 & 30 September 2026

Deployed over three days · high-level meetings in a closed / private format · executive closed-door sessions.

Governments

Space agencies

Investors

Industry

Strategic institutions

International partners

Public & private decision-makers