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ASPEX – Africa Space Expo 2026
African continental platform for space business,
solutions, and applications



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1. ASPEX OVERVIEW

ASPEX (Africa Space Expo) is a joint initiative of the African Union and the **Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**, implemented through **the African Space Agency (AfSA) and the Space Agency of Côte d'Ivoire (ASCI)**.

ASPEX is designed as a structuring **continental platform dedicated** to the development of **business, operational solutions, and space applications** in the service of sustainable development, technological sovereignty, and economic growth in Africa.

ASPEX deliberately goes beyond the scope of a one-off event. It constitutes a sustainable African infrastructure for the space market, focused on:

- qualified networking,
- contractualization,
- joint project development,
- and the operational deployment of space solutions.

ASPEX is the **leading African forum** where the following come together:

- public decision-makers,
- private and industrial stakeholders,
- financial institutions,
- scientific communities,
- end users of space applications.

2. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND GOVERNANCE

2.1 Joint initiative

ASPEX is jointly supported by:

- the **African Union**, through the African Space Agency (AfSA),
- the Government of the **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**, through the Côte d'Ivoire Space Agency (ASCI).

This joint governance ensures:

- Continental alignment,
- institutional legitimacy,
- strong national and regional roots.



2.2 Ivorian national institutions involved

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- Deputy Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defense,
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, with the support of:
- Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs,
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Handicrafts,
- Ministry of Digital Transition and Technological Innovation,
- Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition.

2.3 Operational project management

The **EBURNIE SPACE** Foundation is responsible for the **operational implementation** of ASPEX as the prime contractor.

As a leading pan-African organization, the EBURNIE SPACE Foundation is responsible for:

- strategic support,
- design,
- organization,
- and operational execution of the initiative.

She has a clear vision for ASPEX:

make space a structured, accessible economic sector that generates impact for African states, businesses, and populations.

3. CONTINENTAL STRATEGIC PARTNER

African Space Agency (AfSA)

As the continental institution responsible for African space policy, AfSA brings to ASPEX:

- its pan-African institutional legitimacy,
- its strategic leadership,
- its alignment with the African Space Strategy and the priorities of the African Union.

Its participation guarantees ASPEX's inclusion in:

- intra-African cooperation,
- regional integration,
- the continent's technological sovereignty.



4. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

The space sector has become a critical infrastructure of the **21st century**, at the heart of:

- governance and state security,
- sustainable management of natural resources,
- agriculture, climate and resilience,
- telecommunications, finance and smart cities,
- innovation and economic competitiveness.

In the context of **NewSpace** and the rise of the private sector, Africa has:

- strong human and geostrategic potential,
- growing demand for space solutions,
- but still suffers from a lack of continental platforms focused on the market, **execution, and impact.**

ASPEX meets this strategic need by positioning itself as:

- a leading institutional and economic forum,
- a tool for structuring the African space market,
- a space where needs meet concrete solutions.

5. GOALS

5.1 General objective

Create and deploy a structured and **sustainable continental framework** promoting:

- the development of space business in Africa,
- institutional dialogue,
- applied innovation,
- the implementation of strategic partnerships.

5.2 Specific objectives

- Facilitate qualified exchanges between states, institutions, companies, and users;
- Promote space solutions that meet African priorities;
- Encourage public-private partnerships and international cooperation;
- Facilitate the signing of agreements and the launch of pilot projects;
- Strengthen institutional capacities and public policies;
- Position Côte d'Ivoire as a regional space hub in the long term.



6. TARGETS AND STAKEHOLDERS

- Governments and public institutions
- African and international space agencies
- International organizations and technical and financial partners
- Space companies, startups, and manufacturers
- Local authorities and user organizations
- Universities and research centers
- Young talent, women in space, and civil society

7. STRATEGIC POSITIONING

ASPEX is fundamentally different from traditional forums and conferences.

ASPEX is not a venue for speeches and presentations of scientific papers.

ASPEX is a **space for decision-making, construction, and execution.**

ASPEX is:

- a structured business platform,
- an accelerator for applied space projects,
- a continental hub for institutional, industrial, and financial matchmaking,
- a laboratory for the co-construction of African solutions.

8. THE THEME

« African Space in Action: Deciding, Building, and Deploying for the Sustainable Socioeconomic Development of the Continent »

9. ARCHITECTURE AND STRUCTURING FORMATS

9.1 ASPEX Business Arena

Strategic focus of the event:

- Qualified B2B, B2G, and G2G meetings,
- closed sector roundtables,
- negotiations and agreement signings,
- investor sessions – project leaders.



9.2 ASPEX Solutions Showcase

Exhibition focused on real-world uses:

- technology demonstrations,
- concrete sector-specific applications,
- country pavilions, and institutional and private stands.

9.3 ASPEX Project Labs

- Operational co-construction spaces:
- setting up pilot projects,
- public-private partnerships,
- joint Africa–international initiatives.

9.4 ASPEX Pitch & Acceleration

- pitches from startups and high-impact projects,
- institutional and financial evaluation,
- awareness-raising activities for careers in the space industry,
- selection for post-ASPEX support.

9.5 ASPEX Talent & Future

- Young Space Talents
- African Women Space Power
- mentoring, hackathons, and guidance
- Inspiring with leading figures in the African space industry

9.6 ASPEX Culture & Outreach

- immersive experiences,
- workshops for the general public,
- raising awareness of the societal benefits of space exploration,
- promoting local culture as a vehicle for community building.

9.7 ASPEX CELEBRATE – Strategic awards in the African space sector

Institutional program recognizing individuals, institutions, and initiatives that are shaping the future of Africa's space sector, organized during the closing gala.



9.8 ASPEX Night Experience

An Ivorian-style evening event, promoting informal networking and pan-African conviviality.

10. DATES, PLACE, AND DURATION

Dates: September 17, 18, and 19, 2026

Location: Abidjan Exhibition Center / Sofitel Hotel Ivoire

Duration: Three (03) days

11. EXPECTED RESULTS

- Strengthening institutional and economic dialogue;
- Establishing a continental space business infrastructure;
- Signing strategic partnerships;
- Launching pilot projects;
- Positioning Abidjan as the regional capital for applied space technology.

12. SUSTAINABILITY AND LEGACY

ASPEX is committed to continuity through:

- regular editions,
- a post-event digital platform,
- structured partnership follow-up,
- an impact-oriented pan-African community.

13. CONCLUSION

ASPEX – Africa Space Expo 2026 **marks a major strategic turning point.**

It is not just another event, but Africa's continental **infrastructure dedicated to space business and solutions.**

ASPEX is the place:

- where needs meet solutions,
- where ideas become projects,
- where Africa transforms space into a lever for sovereignty, innovation, and shared prosperity.



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