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Sustainable Markets Initiative

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The Sustainable Markets Initiative is a collaborative global effort among private sector CEOs to accelerate transition, putting sustainability at the heart of value creation.

His Majesty King Charles III, in his former role as Prince of Wales, launched the Sustainable Markets Initiative in 2020 in response to the increasing environmental, social, and economic impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Our work is guided by the mandate set out in the [Terra Carta](#), which sets ambitious and practical action to help the private sector accelerate their progress towards a sustainable future.

The Astra Carta

It is an ambition and mandate that convenes private sector and others in driving action that ensures sustainability in the execution of space activity and enables society to secure the benefits of space for sustainable earth.



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SPACEtalks brings together the brightest minds from across the industry, uniting visionaries, government experts, and industry professionals to deliver captivating presentations and engage in transformative discussions on space technology and the future of the industry.

Our content-focused conference is meticulously curated to provide unparalleled insights into the subjects, obstacles, and prospects that are paramount to you. We prioritise high-impact sessions and deliver exceptional learning experiences.

Excitingly, this year marks the expansion of our event to two full days. We'll feature enlightening presentations and discussions that tackle the most pressing challenges in both the Upstream and Downstream sectors, offering a comprehensive exploration of the latest developments and innovations in space exploration and utilisation.

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09:00 – 10:00

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

10:00 – 10:05

Opening Remarks

Luca del Monte, Head of Commercialisation Department, European Space Agency

10:05 – 10:20

Industry Keynote | The Raise Of The New Generation of European Space Entrepreneurs

Luca del Monte, Head of Commercialisation Department, European Space Agency

10:20 – 10:40

Keynote | NASA's Johnson Space Center: The Hub of Human Space Exploration

Donna Shafer, Associate Center Director – Johnson Space Center, NASA

10:40 – 10:45

Introduction to Sustainable Markets Initiative

Angelie Moledina, Chief Impact Officer, Sustainable Markets Initiative

10:45 – 11:15

Cluttered & Congested:

Action Aimed at Maintaining a Safe, Clean and Sustainable Low-Earth Orbit Environment

- Collaboration as a default position
- Market mechanisms that underpin sustainable behaviour in space
- The role of AI – benefits and drawbacks
- Lifecycle thinking
- Policy and regulation

Luca del Monte, Head of Commercialisation Department, European Space Agency

Nick Shave, Managing Director, Astroscale

Joanne Wheeler, Director of the Earth & Space Sustainability Initiative, Alden Legal

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11:15 – 12:00

Coffee, Tea & Networking Break

12:00 – 12:20

Keynote | Opportunities & Challenges for the UK in the Global Space Race: Reflections From the Former UK Minister for Space

George Freeman, Member of Parliament for Mid Norfolk, House of Commons

12:20 – 13:10

**Elevating the Horizon:
Fostering Regional Growth in the UK Space Industry**

- Analyse regional opportunities driving growth in the UK space industry's upstream sector, fostering innovation, job creation, and economic development.
- Explore the vital role of collaborative ecosystems in advancing the UK space industry's upstream sector through partnerships among entities for a sustainable regional space ecosystem.
- Highlight the role of innovation and skill development in driving progress in the UK space industry's upstream sector at the regional level, promoting talent, attracting investment, and catalysing technological advancements.

Peter Guthrie, Head of Space, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Gemma Wilson, Development Manager, Harwell Space Cluster

Rebecca Huffee, Space Cluster Manager, Space West

Louise Butt, Director, Space South Central Enterprise Network

Simone Hartless, Head of Cluster Growth, Satellite Applications Catapult Ltd

13:10 – 13:25

Keynote | How Decentralised Computing Will Unleash the Next Generation of SpaceTech Startups

John Tsopanis, Chief Innovation Officer and Entrepreneur in Residence, OpSec

13:25 – 13:30

Presentation | The Space Vault

Dr. Michael Warner, Owner, The Space Vault

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13:30 – 14:15

Networking Lunch

14:15 – 14:30

Stand-Alone Presentation | A New Approach to Building National Space Capability

Tobias Lin, National Space Capabilities Lead Space Directorate, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

14:30 – 14:50

Keynote Presentation

Julie Black, Director, Missions and Capabilities, UK Space Agency

14:50 – 15:05

Stand-Alone Presentation | Future Trends in AI for Space Applications

Tomas Navarro, Future Projects Engineer, European Space Agency

15:05 – 15:20

Stand-Alone Presentation | ESA InCubed: Opportunities in Earth Observation Commercial Sector

Piera Di Vito, Φ -lab Invest Officer, European Space Agency

15:20 – 16:05

Coffee, Tea & Networking Break

16:05 – 16:15

Start-Up Pitch | Seaborne Launch Services

Paul Williams, Executive Director, Black Arrow Space Technologies

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16:15 – 17:15

Investing Beyond Borders: Cross-Sector Perspectives on Space Investment

- The multifaceted realm of space investment, incorporating governmental funding, private equity, venture capital, and global cooperative efforts.
- The function of governmental space initiatives in nurturing innovation and enticing private capital into the space industry.
- The significance of cooperation among established space industry participants, technology firms, and investors across different domains to stimulate innovation.

Rob Desborough, Managing Partner, and CEO Seraphim Accelerator, Seraphim Space

Pierre Festal, Partner, Promus Ventures

Mohsen Al Awadhi, Director of Space Missions Department, UAE Space Agency

Moritz von Klot, Investment Team, Earlybird Venture Capital

Jerry Yang, General Partner, HCVC

John Auburn, Director, Auburn Space Consulting Ltd.

17:15 – 17:30

Pitch Presentation | Accelerating Business Growth

Timo Karakashev, CEO and Founder, Cosmonauts

17:30 – 17:35

Closing Remarks

Nick Appleyard, Head of Applications and Solutions Department CIC-A Head of Establishment for ECSAT (UK), European Space Agency

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Drinks Reception

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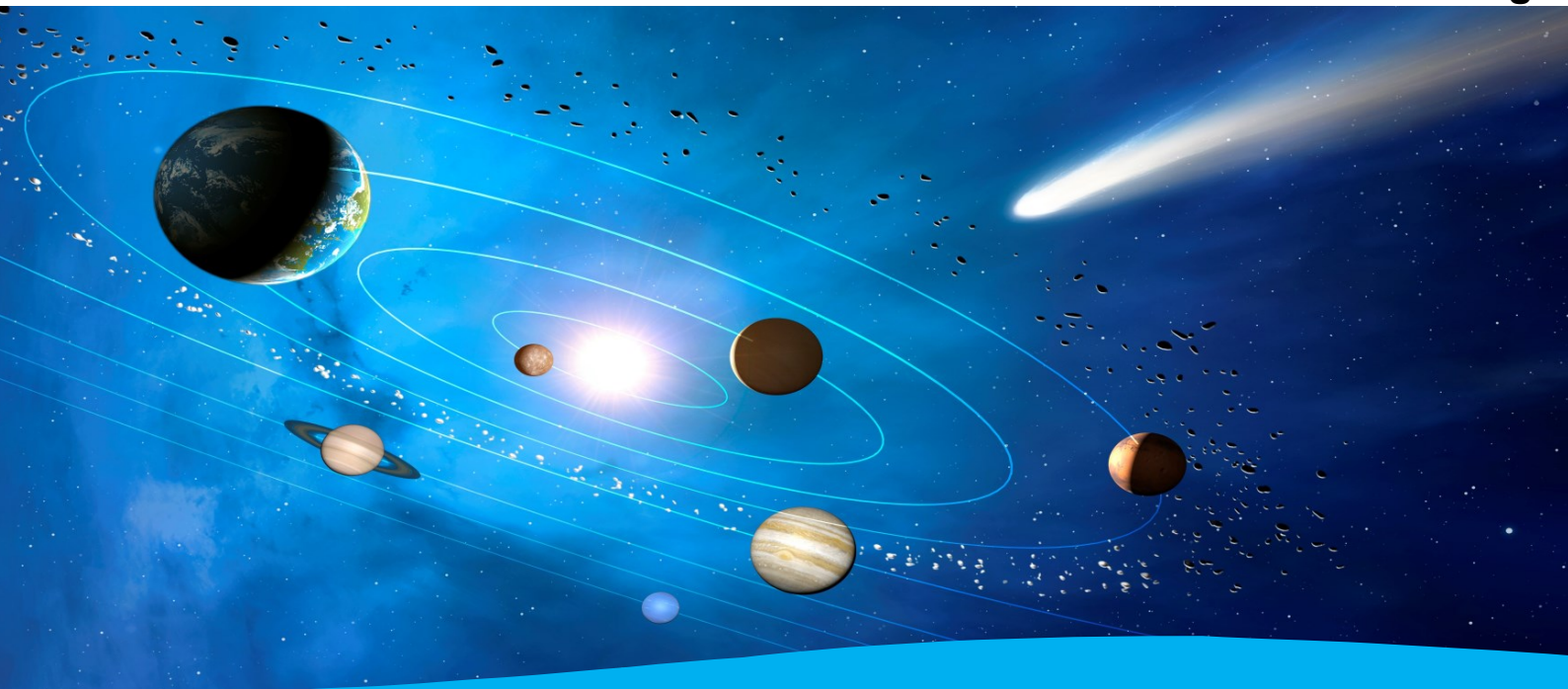
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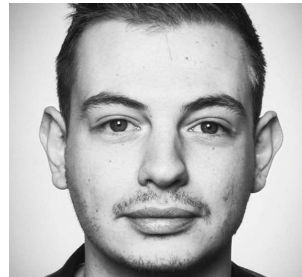
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Industry Keynote | Purpose in Technology and Business

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Keynote Presentation

Tony Forsythe, Head of Space Technology, UK Space Agency

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Solutions from Space:

Understanding the Benefits of Responsible Use of Space in Resolving Critical Challenges on Earth

- Emergency response and disaster preparedness
- Agriculture and food production
- Maintaining social licence – expenditure, emissions
- Accelerating benefits and opportunities in under-served communities
- Balancing the priority of society-benefiting and commercial objectives

Nick Appleyard, Head of Applications and Solutions Department CIC-A Head of Establishment for ECSAT (UK), European Space Agency

Joanna Hart, Director, Space Partnership

Sam Adlen, Co-CEO, Space Solar

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11:10 – 11:55

Coffee, Tea & Networking Break

11:55 – 12:10

Fireside Chat

Sanjeev Gordhan, General Partner, Type One Ventures
Khaled Abou Zahr, Founder, SpaceQuest Ventures

12:10 – 13:00

**Expanding the Space Frontier:
Nurturing Regional Growth in the UK Space Industry**

- Explore opportunities driving UK space industry growth, emphasising innovation, job creation, and economic development.
- Highlight the vital role of collaborative ecosystems in fostering the UK space industry through necessary partnerships for sustainability.
- Focus on driving UK space progress through innovation and skill development, promoting education, attracting investment, and propelling technological advancements across diverse regions.

Stuart Catchpole, Space Cluster Manager, Space East
Gail Eastaugh, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Cornwall Space Cluster
Robert Hill, Head of NISO (The Northern Ireland Space Office), Northern Ireland Space
Phil Carvill, Head of Clusters (NW) and Chair of the UK Space Regional Cluster Advisory Board, UKRI-STFC

13:00 – 13:15

Stand-Alone Presentation | From Ambition to Action: Advancing UK Space Industry

Ashleigh Harris, Industry Liaison Officer, UK Space Command

13:15 – 13:30

Keynote Presentation | OpSec & The Final Frontier: An Invitation To Build The Next Generation of Space Tech Startups

John Tsopanis, Chief Innovation Officer and Entrepreneur in Residence, OpSec

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Networking Lunch

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Stand-Alone Presentation | Protecting IP in Space – An overview of the of how intellectual property adds value and how that applies to technical innovation relating to space

- Given the territorial restrictions of IP protection, this will include discussing whether the traditional benefits of registering IP to protect technical innovation apply when that innovation is primarily for use in – or is made in – space.

David Williams, Partner – European Patent Attorney, Page White Farrer

14:30 – 15:20

Cultivating Cosmic Capital:
Investing in the Future of Space Technology, Perspectives from Deep Tech Investors

- Discuss the evolving landscape of space technology investments and explore emerging opportunities for deep tech investors.
- Examine the expected expansion of the space sector while considering macroeconomic variables.
- What factors are currently motivating investments in the space industry, beyond considerations related to sustainability, climate change, global security, food security, and humanitarian assistance?

David Pollington, Head of Research, Bloc Ventures

Christian Ziach, Principal, High-Tech Gründerfonds Management GmbH

Christopher Magazzeni, Associate, IQ Capital

Krish Ramadurai, Partner, Harmonix Fund

Robert Cross, International Market Access Lead for Space Applications, UK Space Agency

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15:20 – 15:35

Stand-Alone Presentation | Down to Earth: From Fundamental Space Research to Developing Commercial Solutions

When businesses in the space supply chain face challenges, whom do they turn to? The Open University (OU) is renowned for its distance learning innovation in education, but also has a strong pedigree of involvement in space missions, and for exploiting those missions for fundamental research in astronomy and planetary science. Perhaps unexpectedly, this research and technology expertise has also led the OU to develop strong links with specific partners inside and outside the space business sector, offering R&D and technology solutions to a variety of issues. In this session Dr Helen Fraser (Director of Research, School of Physical Sciences, OU) and Dr Geraint Morgan (Research Fellow, School of Physical Sciences, OU), will briefly describe their experiences working with industry from micro-SMEs to major multinationals, applying innovative analytical technologies outside the space sector, and utilising space technologies in ground-based research laboratories.

Stuart Laws of the UK MOD's Defence Innovation Unit, we will open a discussion on how industry, businesses, and defence-sector companies, might work together with universities, especially those like the OU that are not always at the forefront of approaches made to universities – addressing the question, “are we seeking prestige or answers?”

Stuart Laws, Portfolio & Outreach Assistant Head, Ministry of Defence Innovation Unit
Helen Fraser, Director of Research, School of Physical Sciences, The Open University
Geraint Morgan, Research Fellow, Associate Director Astrobiology OU, The Open University

15:35 – 16:20

Coffee, Tea & Networking Break

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Navigating Future Frontiers:

AI, Machine Learning, and Standardisation in Space Data Analysis

- Uncover AI and machine learning's crucial role in processing and interpreting space data for enhanced insights..
- Explore the vital need for AI-driven cybersecurity in protecting satellite networks. Discuss how real-time monitoring improves secure data transmission, reducing vulnerabilities in our growing reliance on satellites for communication, navigation, and surveillance.
- Emphasise global collaboration for data standards. Address space data variability challenges and explore AI and machine learning's effective use in standardisation, fostering cooperation across diverse sources.

Roaya R. Bubshait, Head of Geospatial Analytics, National Space Science Agency – Bahrain

Tales Gaspar, Programme Manager – UK SPF and Satellite, techUK

Daniel Carew, Deep Tech Investor

Harry Morgan, Investor, 7percent Ventures

Liam Harris, Geospatial Applications Developer, Airbus Defence and Space

Steve O'Brien, Founder, CEO, Newicon

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Closing Remarks

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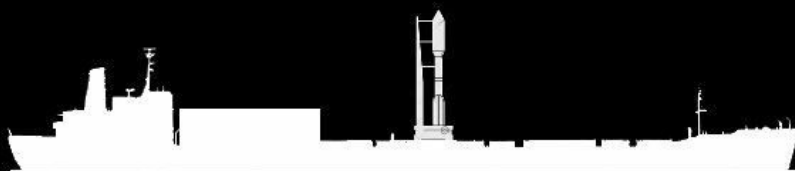
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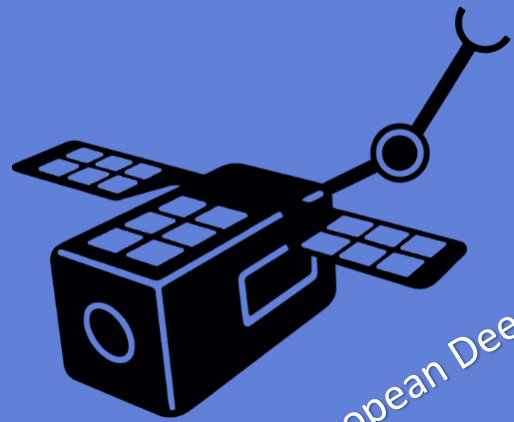


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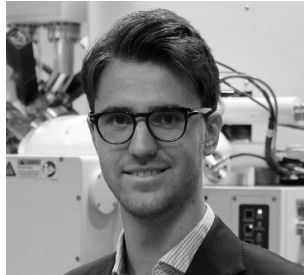
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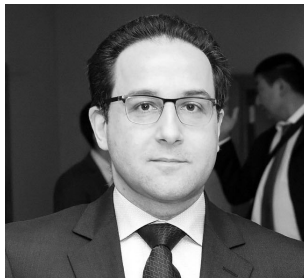
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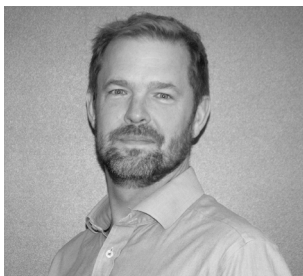
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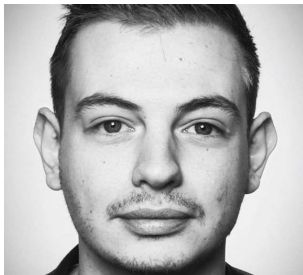
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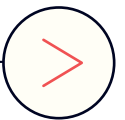
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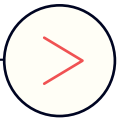
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The Sustainable Market's work is inspired by the vision and ambition of its founder, His Majesty King Charles III (when he was Prince of Wales), as set out in the Terra Carta and the Astra Carta. These serve as the guiding mandate for the Sustainable Markets Initiative, providing roadmaps towards an ambitious and sustainable future, harnessing the power of Nature together with the transformative power, innovation, and resources of the private sector.

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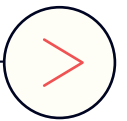
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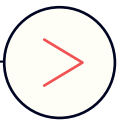
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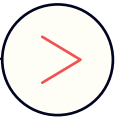
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A significant milestone was achieved in 2024 when the first thruster design was completed and currently trials in a vacuum chamber are being prepared. Also, the company is looking forward meeting several teams who have responded to the company's contest "Fly your tool in space!".

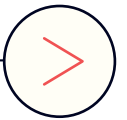
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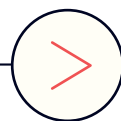
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