



International Moon Day

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About International Moon Day

International Moon Day (IMD) is an annual global observance dedicated to raising awareness and fostering dialogue on the exploration and sustainable use of the Moon. The initiative aims to engage governments, academia, industry, civil society, and the general public in discussions related to lunar science, exploration, governance, culture, and education.



International Moon Day was proposed by the Moon Village Association and proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2021. The observance is coordinated by the Moon Village Association in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Celebrated annually on 20 July, International Moon Day commemorates the first human landing on the Moon in 1969, while recognising the contributions of all nations and stakeholders to lunar exploration. Events typically extend beyond the official date to allow global participation across time zones and regions.

Since its first celebration in 2022, International Moon Day has grown into a truly global initiative, with an increasing number of events, participating countries, and partner organisations each year.

IMD 2025 Theme



“One Moon, One Vision, One Future”

Selected through a global competition, this year's theme embodies the spirit of unity, collaboration, and progress in lunar exploration.



One Moon

A universal symbol of unity and curiosity, the Moon belongs to all of humanity. It represents our shared responsibility to explore and preserve it for future generations.



One Vision

A call for cross-border collaboration, uniting nations, industries, and individuals in a shared commitment to advancing science, technology, and space exploration.



One Future

A promise of sustainability, inclusion, and collective progress. The Moon represents the next step in humanity's journey, turning challenges into opportunities and inspiring future generations.

IMD 2025 Main Event

01. Event Overview



The International Moon Day 2025 Main Event was held on 20 July 2025 and hosted by the University of Dubai. The event served as the focal point of the International Moon Day programme, bringing together representatives from international organisations, space agencies, academia, industry, and the student community.

The programme combined opening addresses, keynote presentations, technical and thematic sessions, panel discussions, and student recognition activities. Together, these elements reflected the diversity of perspectives and stakeholders engaged in contemporary lunar exploration and related activities.

The Main Event was streamed live and is available for on-demand viewing through the International Moon Day website.

<https://internationalmoonday.org/imd-2025-main-event/>

IMD 2025 Main Event

02. Opening Session & International Participation



The event opened with welcome remarks by **Dr. Esa Bastaki**, President of the University of Dubai, and **Dr. Giuseppe Reibaldi**, President of the Moon Village Association.

Greetings were delivered by senior representatives of international and national space institutions, including **Mr. Driss El Hadani**, Deputy Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, who attended the event in person, **Prof. Wu Weiren**, Director General of the Deep Space Exploration Laboratory, **Dr. Hiroshi Yamakawa**, President of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, and **Prof. Teodoro Valente**, President of the Italian Space Agency.

Their participation underscored the international scope of International Moon Day and the broad institutional engagement in lunar exploration activities

03. Keynote Addresses



The keynote session featured contributions from senior representatives of International Moon Day leadership, government, and industry. Keynote addresses were delivered by **Dr. Nasr Alsahaf**, Chair of International Moon Day, **Mr. John C. Mankins**, Chief Executive Officer of Mankins Space Technologies Inc., and **Mr. Atsushi Saiki**, Executive Fellow at ispace, inc. The keynote presentations addressed current developments, strategic perspectives, and future directions in lunar exploration and related activities.

IMD 2025 Main Event

04. Main Event Panels

Panel Session 1: "Moonshots: Innovation and Lunar Markets"



This panel explored innovation pathways, commercial opportunities, and emerging lunar markets. Moderator: **Dr. Saeed Aldhaheri**, Director of the Center of Future Studies.

Participants included:

- **Mr. Satoru Kurosu**, Yokogawa Electric and Moon Village Association (Online)
- **Ms. Fatima Al Khateri**, Director of the Sharjah Astronomical Planetarium Department at SAASST
- **Mr. Serdar Baycan**, Solar Space Technologies (Online)

Panel Session 2: "Lunar Governance: Challenges and Opportunities"



This panel addressed coordination and cooperation in lunar activities, including the evolving international landscape and governance considerations at the United Nations level. Moderator: **Mr. Driss El Hadani**, Deputy Director, UN Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Participants included:

- **Prof. Scott Pace**, Professor of Practice of International Affairs, George Washington University (online)
- **Ms. Ulpia-Elena Botezatu**, Co-Chair, UN Action Team on Lunar Consultation Activities (ATLAC) (online)
- **Eng. Hoor Al Mazmi**, Senior Researcher, Space Science, UAE Space Agency
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Thematic Sessions and Panels

Highlight: Fireside Chat on Lunar Governance



A focused fireside chat titled **“Lunar Governance – Industry Perspective”** featured **Mr. Mike Gold**, President for Civil and International Space at Redwire, in conversation with **Dr. Giuseppe Reibaldi**, President of the Moon Village Association.

The discussion addressed governance considerations from an industry perspective, including regulatory clarity, coordination among stakeholders, and the interaction between institutional frameworks and commercial lunar activities. The exchange provided a concise industry-oriented reflection within the broader programme of the Main Event.

Watch the fireside chat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow0I3ZOI1lc>

Student Engagement & Recognition and Closing Session



Student participation was an integral part of the IMD 2025 Main Event. A student recognition and awards ceremony celebrated the achievements of competition winners and project teams, acknowledging creativity and engagement with lunar exploration themes. Student-led displays and presentations complemented the formal programme and reinforced International Moon Day's educational dimension.

The Main Event concluded with closing remarks and announcements, followed by opportunities for networking and informal exchanges among participants, speakers, and guests.

IMD 2025 Global Events

01. Overview



In addition to the Main Event, International Moon Day 2025 was celebrated through a wide range of Global Events, this year in an extended period until October 31, organised independently by institutions and communities worldwide. These events reflected local priorities while contributing to a shared global narrative aligned with the IMD theme.

International Moon Day 2025 marked the most active year to date for Global Events, with a total of **60 registered events** organised across **30 countries**. This represents a **50 percent increase** in the number of Global Events compared to the previous year, reflecting the growing global interest and engagement in lunar exploration and related activities.

Global Events included lectures, workshops, panel discussions, educational outreach activities, and cultural initiatives, demonstrating the flexibility and inclusivity of the International Moon Day framework.

The increase in participation highlights the expanding reach of International Moon Day and the continued enthusiasm of institutions, organisations, and communities worldwide.

IMD 2025 Global Events

02. Selected Global Event Highlights

Panel Discussion: Identifying and Preserving Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on the Moon

(19 July 2025, Online – Australia, France, Indonesia, United Kingdom)

The Lunar Environmental Protection Working Group (WG1) of the Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities organised a panel discussion addressing the identification and preservation of Sites of Special Scientific Interest on the Moon. The event focused on safeguarding lunar environments of scientific, cultural, and aesthetic value in the context of sustainable lunar activities. The discussion brought together experts from the scientific and policy communities, including Dr. Jean-Claude Worms, Prof. Ian Crawford, and WG1 Co-Chairs Dr. Alice Gorman and Ms. Farah Diya Yasmine. The panel highlighted ongoing work within the working group and the importance of international dialogue in protecting sensitive lunar sites.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owOj3ZOI1lc>

The 4th International Workshop on Lunar and Deep Space Exploration

(3 September 2025, China)



The Fourth International Workshop on Lunar and Deep Space Exploration was held in Hefei, China, co-organised with the Deep Space Exploration Laboratory, the International Deep Space Exploration Association, and the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization. The workshop served as a precursor to the Third Tiandu Forum and formed part of a broader programme of deep space exploration activities. The event convened 88 participants from 30 countries and featured keynote addresses, technical presentations, and a roundtable discussion covering topics such as the International Lunar Research Station, cislunar missions, and collaborative asteroid exploration. The workshop was confirmed as an institutionalised annual event to be held in conjunction with the Tiandu Forum.

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Fari e Sfari di Luna – Pantelleria

(21 July 2025, Italy)

Pantelleria celebrated the Moon with Fari e Sfari di Luna, a cultural and entertainment event featuring Nicola Ferrari's photographic exhibition Lunitudine, a sunset poetry reading with music, local wine and craft beer tastings, the film La luna di Gabriel, and a rock music show exploring the Moon's influence in music from the 1970s to today. The event also included themed shop displays, a tribute to Filippo Panseca's Artificial Bionic Moon, and an info point on astronomy and local activities, creating a unique connection between the island's landscape, the Moon, and the community.



Star Laws: A New Hope for Space Governance

(30 July 2025, Australia)



The School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment and the School of Law jointly hosted a lecture and networking event examining contemporary challenges in space governance. The programme combined a screening of the short film Moonrise with a keynote lecture delivered by Prof. Steven Freeland, Emeritus Professor of International Law. The lecture addressed current and emerging legal frameworks for space activities, drawing on Prof. Freeland's experience advising governments and international institutions, including the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The event provided a forum for interdisciplinary exchange and professional dialogue on space governance issues.

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03. Joint Event with the World Space Week Association



International Moon Day 2025 also featured a joint initiative organised in cooperation with the World Space Week Association. This collaboration strengthened synergies between major global space awareness initiatives and expanded outreach beyond the core lunar community.

What Does It Take to Live on the Moon?

October 8, 2025

https://www.youtube.com/live/7V01DWb4POk?si=e_IHI1VLMfRHkQB

As part of World Space Week 2025 and International Moon Day, the World Space Week Association (WSWA) and the Moon Village Association (MVA) co-hosted the virtual event *What Does It Take to Live on the Moon?*. This 90-minute program explored the scientific, technological, and human challenges of establishing a sustainable presence on the Moon, in line with this year's World Space Week theme, *Living in Space*.

The event brought together global experts from the **Deep Space Exploration Lab (DSEL, China)**, **Lockheed Martin**, **the Luxembourg Space Agency**, **UNOOSA**, and **For All Moonkind**. Speakers shared insights on lunar habitats, sustainability, human factors, and international collaboration, emphasizing the importance of cooperation to make lunar living a reality.

The program featured opening remarks from **Alma Okpalefe** (WSWA), **Giuseppe Reibaldi** (MVA), and **Nasr Alsahhaf** (IMD Chair), a keynote by **John Mankins** on why the Moon represents humanity's next frontier, a spotlight talk by **Timothy Cichan** (Lockheed Martin) and **Wang Zhongmin** (DSEL) on designing habitats for survival, and a panel moderated by **Satoru Kurosu** (MVA) discussing challenges, opportunities, and global cooperation with representatives from DSEL, Lockheed Martin, the Luxembourg Space Agency, UNOOSA, and For All Moonkind. By connecting stakeholders worldwide, the program demonstrated the shared vision, innovation, and collaboration needed to transform lunar habitation from concept into reality.

Looking Ahead

Building on the achievements of 2025, International Moon Day (IMD) will continue to expand its global reach, strengthen partnerships, and support meaningful dialogue on humanity's future on the Moon. Future editions will further emphasise inclusivity, interdisciplinary engagement, and alignment with international processes related to the peaceful and sustainable use of outer space.

IMD 2026 is now open for Global Event submissions. Governments, space agencies, industry, academia, NGOs, and members of the public are invited to participate by organising scientific, educational, or cultural events addressing the challenges and opportunities of lunar exploration. Events may take place between **1 July and 31 October** 2026. Guidelines for hosting an event and submission details are available at:

<https://internationalmoonday.org/host-an-imd-global-event/>

Joint events and collaborative initiatives are strongly encouraged. Prospective organisers are invited to consult the list of IMD 2025 Global Events as a reference for formats and partnerships. Organisations interested in partnering with an existing or prospective host organisation for IMD 2026 are welcome to contact the International Moon Day team.



To support the continued growth and sustainability of International Moon Day, a structured sponsorship framework has also been established. The International Moon Day Sponsorship Opportunities Brochure outlines ways for organisations to support IMD activities while gaining visibility and association with a United Nations-recognised global initiative. Further information on sponsorship opportunities is available at:

<https://internationalmoonday.org/sponsorships/>

Acknowledgements

The International Moon Day team extends its sincere appreciation to all host institutions, event organisers, partners, speakers, volunteers, and participants who contributed to the success of International Moon Day 2025. Special thanks are extended to the University of Dubai for hosting the International Moon Day 2025 Main Event and for its valuable support in delivering the central global celebration. Their continued commitment is essential to the growth and impact of this global initiative.

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IMD Global Events 2025

This annex provides a consolidated overview of all registered International Moon Day 2025 Global Events. The events listed were independently organised by institutions and communities worldwide and reflect the global reach and diversity of International Moon Day activities. *All content in the event links is as uploaded by event organisers.*

Country	Organiser	Event Title (Link)	Date
Austria	Moon Village Association, World Space Week Association	What Does It Take to Live on the Moon?	Oct 9
Austria	Atelier A, Houda Balti	Celebrating IMD2025 @ 'Der Orion - Astronomie und Raumfahrt'	Oct 8
Australia	Western Sydney University	Star Laws: A New Hope for Space Governance	Jul 30
Brazil	Instituto S do Saber, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil (CCBB)	"Edson the Robot on a Lunar Mission"	Jul 20
Brazil	MVA Brazil, Rodrigo Vesule	International Moon Day – Brazil	Jul 20
Chile	ACHIDE	Celebration of International Moon Day 2025 at Cerro Calán	Jul 17
China	ILEWG LUNEX EuroMoonMars, Qosmosys 7 MVA	International Moon Day Space Exploration workshop in Nanjing ILEWG NUAA	Jul 21
China	Harbin Institute of Technology	Symposium of lunar construction by intelligent robot swarm	Jul 21
China	Harbin Institute of Technology	Small Exhibition of Lunar Architecture Design	Jul 20
China	Heilongjiang Science and Technology Museum	Grand Opening of Lunar Exploration Theme Zone at Heilongjiang Science and Technology Museum	Jul 22
China	Sichuan University	Adapting Lunar and Martian Soil for Plant Growth	Jul 26
China	Deep Space Exploration Laboratory (DSEL), International Deep Space Exploration Association (IDSEA), Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO)	The 4th International Workshop on Lunar and Deep Space Exploration	Sep 3
Colombia	MVA Colombia, Francisco Forero	Artemisa: una misión a la Luna al alcance de tu mano	Oct 18
Colombia	Francisco Forero, AECC UN/IEEE	Cortometraje Stop-Motion Viaje a la Luna con poblaciones vulnerables	Oct 11

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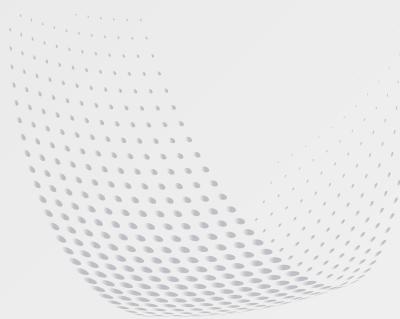
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Czech Republic	Brno Observatory and Planetarium	Mezinárodní den Měsíce 2025 – Měsíc jako symbol poznání a velkých výzev	Jul 22
France	EuroMoonMars	International Moon Day Connection from ExoSpaceHab Express Moon Base	Jul 21
Ghana	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)	KNUST's 1st MoonDay Celebration – 2025	Jul 19
India	National Council Of Science Museums, Kolkata (Ministry Of Culture, Govt. Of India)	Dhenkanal Science center: International Moon Day 2025	Jul 19-20
India	Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Calicut	Understanding Moon through Demonstrations	Jul 21-22
India	Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Calicut	Multi-level Quiz on Moon (TEAM CONTEST)	Jul 22
India	Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Calicut	Student Workshop: Moon colonizing through AI, Robotics and Metaverse	Jul 23
India	Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Calicut	Student Seminar: Possibilities of closed systems with soil adaptions towards plant growth on Moon	Jul 24
India	Regional Science Centre and Planetarium Calicut	Teacher's Workshop: School level Astronomy in Science and Geography	Jul 25
India	Regional Science Centre Bhopal	International Moon Day - Bhopal	Jul 20
India	S Matrix explorers LLP / The Sky Explorers	Yun Sajaa Chaand	Jul 18
India	Young Innovators Educational Services Pvt Ltd	Creativity and the Moon: Posters, Models and Quizzes!	Jul 24-31
Indonesia, Australia, France, United Kingdom	GEGSLA Working Group 1	Panel Discussion: The Lunar Environmental Protection Working Group of the Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities - Identifying and Preserving Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on the Moon	Jul 19
Italy	MVA, Libreria Sovillo	La Luna Respira	Aug 25
Italy	MVA, AIDAA	From Vision to Orbit: A Prelude to MVA Workshop and Symposium 2025	Sep 9
Italy	Associazione Culturale Obiettivo Mediterraneo, Pantelleria	Fari E Sfari Di Luna	Jul 21-22
Italy	Center for Near Space of the Italian Institute for the Future	100 Years from the Moon Landing to a Cislunar City	Sep 26
Italy	Nuova Associazione di Studi Astronomici Brindisi, FAI-Abbazia di Santa Maria di Cerrate	Astronomers for a Day. Look at the moon!	Aug 8
Italy	Organizzazione Internazionale Italo-Latino Americana IILA	"From the International Space Station to the Lunar Space Station: Italy's Key Role and Opportunities for Latin America"	Oct 10
Italy	Alessandro Bartoloni	La Luna Respira - Parma	Oct 3

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Japan	Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc., ispace Inc.	Frontier Business Consortium Symposium 2025	Jul 18
Jordan	MENA Engineering Education And Training	MENA Moon Mission: One Moon, One Future	Aug 30
Kuwait	Kepler Space University	IMD-25 Moon Day and Moon Workshop	Jul 20-24
Mexico	MVA Mexico, Miguel Arias	Moon Village Association Mexico – Dia internacional de la Luna 2025	Sep 24
Nigeria	Alugoke Group Nig LTD	Finding Craters (from Lagos)	Jul 11
Nigeria	The Futures Forum, Africa Space Foundation	MOONFEST Abuja	Jul 19-20
Portugal	CEiiA, Centre for Engineering and Product Development	IMD 2025 – Portugal	Jul 20
Saudi Arabia	Gaseous electronics LLC	Space drones round trips to the moon: how are they possible?	Jul 19
Serbia	Green Knights of the Kolubara River	Explore - collect - preserve	Jul 20
Slovenia	Center of Space Technologies Herman Potočnik Noordung	Moon Camp - LEGO competition	Jul 20
South Korea	SpaceBase	ISU SSP25 Sustainable Lunar Infrastructure Team Project Discussion	Jul 20
South Korea	ILEWG LUNEX EuroMoonMars, Qosmosys 7 MVA	ISU-SSP Workshop: Moon Habitat Outpost 2031	Jul 16
Sweden	Moon Society, ISRUTech Sweden AB	Lunar Development Conference 2025	Jul 18
Trinidad and Tobago	MVA Trinidad and Tobago, Farah Law School	Lifting Off Together: Lunar Exploration Opportunities for Emerging Nations (Legal and Technical Approaches)	Jul 27
Türkiye	Altair Unmanned Vehicle Systems, Space and Law Association	Altair Lunar Camp 4.0	Aug 2-3
Türkiye	UKET Space Exploration Society	Astropolitik ve Hukuk Perspektifinden Ay Faaliyetleri (Lunar Activities from an Astropolitical and Legal Perspective)	Jul 25
Ukraine	MVA, Yuzhnoye State Design Office	4th PromoMoon Initiative Closing Ceremony	Jul 22
United Arab Emirates	104 Events	Gateway to the Universe	Jul 24
United Kingdom	InnovaSpace UK, MVA	The Human Eye on the Moon: Risks and Countermeasures	Jul 20
United States	MECATX	Make a Moon Village	Jul 23
United States	Husky Satellite Lab	Husky Satellite Lab: Reaching for the Moon	Jul 20
United States	RMSC Museum and Science Center	Moon Days at RMSC	Jul 20
United States	TOM, MVA	Lunar Futures	Jul 26
United States	Madhu Thangavelu, Astronautical Engineering Department of University of Southern California	USC ASTE527 Astronautics Graduate Space Architecting Studio – ARTEMIS	Oct 7



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