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THE EMBASSY OF ITALY IN ADDIS ABABA IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO

"Italian World Research Day – Space to Research"



June 12



08:30 AM – 1:00 PM (UTC +3)



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The Italian Research Day in the World (*Giornata della Ricerca Italiana nel Mondo*) is an initiative of the Italian Ministry of University and Research and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs aiming of highlighting the contributions of Italian researchers working abroad and demonstrating Italy's commitment to science, technology, and innovation in order to promote international cooperation.



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The Embassy of Italy, in collaboration with the Defence Attaché Office, AICS and ICE, presents

Event Rationale and Structure

On June 12, the Italian Embassy in Ethiopia will organize "Italian World Research Day (GRIM) in Addis Ababa, with particular attention to activities in space": an initiative promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR).

The event aims to enhance Italian research in the space field, both theoretical and applied, and to raise awareness in the Ethiopian system of the multiple applications and services of satellite technologies, for example in the field of combating climate change, preventing natural disasters, meteorology. Major sector stakeholders from both the Ethiopian and Italian private and public sectors will take part in the event.

The aim is to bring together representatives from academia, industry, innovation ecosystems, and the administration to strengthen existing cooperation, with a view to developing new scientific and industrial partnerships.

The program will begin at 9:00 AM with opening remarks, followed by panel discussions, and it will conclude with a Q&A session.

Coffee and refreshments will be available during the Conference, while a light lunch will be offered at the end of the program.

Attendees and guests will have the opportunity to network during the event.

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Program

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM Opening and Institutional Greetings

H.E Sem FABRIZI, Ambassador of Italy to Addis Ababa;

Ethiopian institutional remarks.

9:20 AM Keynote Speech (approx. 10 minutes each)

H.E. Abdisa YILMA Director General, Space Science and Geospatial Institute, SSGI;

Eng. Salvatore DI BARTOLO, Vice President Africa Business Development Leonardo SPA;

Col. Emanuele Luigi SPIGOLON, Chief of General Space Office, Italian Air force;

H.E. Matthias Naab, Director, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa RSCA

10.00 Coffee Break

10:30 AM Thematic Panels (approx. 45 minutes each)

12:00 PM Questions and Answers



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10.30

Panel 1: CNR, Hydrogeology, Hydrology, Natural Hazards: New Frontiers for Development

Brief introduction: Michele Morana, AICS Regional Director

Focus: Integrated management of surface and groundwater resources at watershed level to contribute to improving drought resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change. Management of natural hazards.

Speakers:

- **Prof. Massimiliano MOSCATELLI**, CNR-IGAG;
- **Prof. Roberto VALENTINO**, Director of University Center for International Cooperation;
- **Prof. Yeshrun ALEMAYEHU**, Vice Director SSGI;
- **Mr. Birlew ABEBE**, MoWE – Basin Information System Desk
- **Dr. Taye Alemayehu**, MoWE/WLRC – National IWRM Specialist

Panel 2: Imaging, Education and Innovation: New Frontiers of Collaboration

Brief introduction: Claudio Pasqualucci, ICE Regional Director

Focus: the panel will explore how advanced imaging technologies, digital innovation and new educational models are reshaping the future of scientific and industrial cooperation between Italy and Africa. Bringing together leading representatives from technology companies, research-driven enterprises and public institutions, the discussion will focus on the role of innovation as a driver for sustainable development, knowledge transfer and digital transformation.

Speakers:

- **Prof. Nicola D'ASCENZO**, Executive President, Re-Imaging SRL
- **Eng. Angelo MINOTTI**, CEO & Founder of MIPRONS SRL
- **H.E. Daniel GUTA**, Information Network Security Administration (INSA).
- **Dr. Elias FARIS**, Founder & CEO of FARIS Technology;



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12.00 Questions and answers

12.30 Takeaways on Science and space: lights and shadows

- **Prof. Laura E. PACIFICI NOJA**, Scientific and Technology attaché;
- **Col. Diego GIARRIZZO**, Italian Defence Attaché;
- **Dr. Kibret ATSBABA**, ESSS Coordinator International Relations

12.30-13.00 Light lunch and end of program.

Side Events

1) **The exhibition "LOOKING BEYOND"** aims to enhance Italian space research and raise international awareness of the many uses of satellite tracking technologies created to protect the planet. The satellite images were acquired by the Constellation of Small Satellites for the Observation of the Mediterranean Basin (COSMO-SkyMed) and are part of the Telespazio/e-GEOS database and the Italian Space Agency.

2) **Masterclass**

During the event from 10.30 to 12.30 it will also be possible to participate in masterclass held by:

- **Prof. Arcangelo Gentile.** "One Health: the fine line between humanity and science";
- **Prof. D'Ascenzo** on the topic: "Digital Single Photon sensors: a new era in light imaging for application in medical, automotive and communications";
- **Prof. Roberto Valentino** "Engineering measures for landslide risk mitigation";
- **Kibret Atsbaha** on the topic: "The Cosmic Ladder, Stellar lifecycle Galaxy and Structure and Instrumentation in Astronomy, Optical instruments";
- **Dott. Massimiliano Moscatelli (CNR)** on the topic: Understanding Multi-hazard and Multi-risk Concept, Definitions, and Concurrent classification and Cascading Hazards.

The program of the event may be subject to further updates.