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Explore: Space Week lifts off tomorrow

Interact with Emirati astronauts and also get to learn the benefits of celestial explorations

DUBAI
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Learn more about climate change, food security, water management; or chat with pioneering Emirati astronauts and much more during Expo 2020 Dubai thematic Space Week, which kicks off tomorrow.

There will be comprehensive discussions and presentations that will probe the benefits, solutions and challenges of exploring beyond our planet's orbit during the weeklong event that will run until October 23.

Held in association with the UAE Space Agency and Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), Space Week will revolve around engaging topics such as the UAE's space vision; how space exploration is being used for good back on Earth; the international cooperation through new coalitions; partnerships in the space industry that are bringing together less-represented nations; women's vital contributions to space exploration; sustainability in space; cleaning 'space waste'; and intergenerational dialogues.

Space Week is the second of 10 theme weeks taking place throughout Expo, as part of the Programme for People and Planet.

For all of humanity

"The safe, productive and responsible exploration of space is a growing priority for all of humanity," noted Reem Al Hashimy, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation and Director General of Expo 2020 Dubai.

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What to explore

Don't miss The People's Mission: Citizens in Space Exploration and Space Tech for Inclusive Development tomorrow.

Co-curated with Mozambique, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the United States this is a day for everyone – beginners and enthusiasts – with an interest in space. There will be an insightful chat with UAE astronauts Hazza Al Mansouri and Noura Al Matroushi.

The week will also feature Space Business Forum, co-curated with Dubai Chamber. The stellar line-up includes Al Amiri; Naoko Yamazaki, former JAXA Astronaut, Space Policy Committee Member and the second Japanese woman in space; and high-level attendees from Nasa and the national space agencies of Luxembourg and South Africa.



■ The UAE's latest announcement to explore Venus and the asteroid belt will also be highlighted during Space Week, with special focus on international collaboration.