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**PATHWAYS FOR OUR SUCCESS:
BREAKING BARRIERS & ACCELERATING THE SPACE ECOSYSTEM**

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29–30 March 2023 | Houston, TX

EVENT PROGRAM GUIDE

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2023

1500 HRS CT WELCOME

Julie Van Kleeck, Space Domain Lead and ASCEND Executive Producer, AIAA

Joe Poist, Vice President, Civil Space, Space Business Unit, SAIC

1510 HRS CT OPENING REMARKS: SETTING THE VISION

Vanessa Wyche, Director, NASA Johnson Space Center

1530 HRS CT PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE(S)

Andy Hines, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Foresight, University of Houston

1600 HRS CT CHARACTERIZATION OF RISKS AND BARRIERS – PERCEPTIONS VS REALITIES

Moderator: Ian Christensen, Director, Private Sector Programs, Secure World Foundation

Jason Kalirai, Mission Area Executive for Civil Space, Space Exploration Sector, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

Tim Kopra, Chief Executive Officer, Nanoracks

Todd May, Senior Vice President, Science and Space, KBR

Joe Poist, Vice President, Civil Space, Space Business Unit, SAIC

1645 HRS CT NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

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1715 HRS CT KEYNOTE: CHARGE TO MOVE FORWARD

Michael Gazarik, Vice President, Engineering, Ball Aerospace

1745 HRS CT EXPANDING THE LEO STAKEHOLDER BASE

Moderator: Sam Gunderson, Partnership Development Lead, Exploration Technology Office, NASA Johnson Space Center

Mark Gittleman, Chief Strategy Officer, Aegis Aerospace

Randy Lillard, Orbital Reef Program Manager, Blue Origin

1815 HRS CT INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator: Kathy Laurini, Human Space Exploration Strategy, Dynetics

Karen Feldstein, Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations, NASA

1900 HRS CT WELCOME RECEPTION

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THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2023

0700 HRS CT NETWORKING BREAKFAST **LEAGUE CITY**
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0800 HRS CT OPENING REMARKS

Julie Van Kleeck, Space Domain Lead and ASCEND Executive Producer, AIAA

0815 HRS CT KEYNOTE: SUSTAINING THE MOMENTUM

Kathryn Lueders, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, NASA

0845 HRS CT FORECAST, TRENDS, & ANALYSIS ON EXPLORATION MARKETS

Carie Mullins, Director, Analytics, BryceTech

0915 HRS CT CHALLENGES TO COMMERCIALIZATION

Moderator: Nujoud Merancy, Strategy & Architecture Lead, NASA

Stephen Altemus, President and CEO, Intuitive Machines

Christian Maender, Executive Vice President, In-Space Solutions, Axiom Space

Kirk Shireman, Vice President, Lunar Exploration Campaign, Lockheed Martin

Dan Tani, Director, Business Development Operations, Human Exploration & Operations, Northrop Grumman

1000 HRS CT FIRESIDE CHAT:

TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS DRIVING THE FUTURE

A.C. Charania, Chief Technologist, NASA

Nick Skytland, Chief Technologist and Director, Business Development & Technology Integration Office, NASA Johnson Space Center

1030 HRS CT NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

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1100 HRS CT SPEED AND AGILITY IN THE EVER-CHANGING SPACE ECOSYSTEM

Steve Cook, President, Dynetics



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1130 HRS CT INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS (BREAKOUTS)

Charles Stegemoeller, Director, NASA Business Development and Capture Management, Leidos



Industry



Policy/Government



International



Capital



Workforce

1230 HRS CT NETWORKING LUNCH

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1400 HRS CT PROGRAM UPDATES

Moderator: Catherine Koerner, Deputy Associate Administrator, Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate, NASA

Chris Culbert, Manager, Commercial Lunar Payload Services, NASA

Christopher Hansen, Deputy Program Manager, Extravehicular Activity and Human Surface Mobility Program, NASA

Angela Hart, Manager, Commercial Low Earth Orbit Development Program, NASA

Amit Kshatriya, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Common Exploration Systems Development, NASA

Emma Lehnhardt, PP&C Manager, Gateway Program, NASA

1500 HRS CT NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

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1530 HRS CT REPORT-OUTS FROM INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS

1615 HRS CT PATHWAYS TO OUR SUCCESS – TAKING OPPORTUNITY TO THE NEXT STEP

Dan Dumbacher, Executive Director, AIAA

Mark Nappi, Vice President for Commercial Crew, Boeing

Marshall Smith, Vice President for Exploration, Voyager Space

Bill Weber, Chief Executive Officer, Firefly Aerospace

1715 HRS CT CLOSING REMARKS

Julie Van Kleeck, Space Domain Lead and ASCEND Executive Producer, AIAA

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