



# SPACE SCIENCE WEEK 2026

# PLENARY SESSION

March 24, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

In Person at the National Academy of Sciences Building

2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Online via Zoom and Livestream

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

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<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<p><b>Dr. T. Arul Mozhi</b> Senior Program Director, Aeronautics, Space, and Astronomy Center for Advancing Science and Technology</p> <p><b>Dr. Nelson Pedreiro (NAE)</b> Vice Chair, Space Studies Board</p>
<b>10:05 AM</b>	<b>Furthering Humanity’s Exploration of Space</b> (15 min presentation/5 min Q&A)	<p><b>U.S. Representative Gabe Evans (R-CO)*</b> Co-chair, Advancing Humanity in Space Congressional Caucus</p>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Industry Perspective to Advance Space Science and Technology</b> (15 min presentation/5 min Q&A)	<p><b>Mr. Daniel M. Hart (NAE)</b> President, HarTechnologies LLC</p>
<b>10:50 AM</b>	<b>Address from Office of Science and Technology Policy</b> (15 min presentation/10 min Q&A)	<p><b>Dr. Charles Powell</b> Assistant Director, Space and Spectrum Policy, OSTP</p>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Update from NASA Science Mission Directorate</b> (30 min presentation/15 min Q&A)	<p><b>Dr. Nicola Fox</b> Associate Administrator, NASA SMD</p>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Break (90 minutes)</b>	
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Update from the U.S. Department of Energy</b> (20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)	<p><b>Dr. Regina Rameika</b> Associate Director, High Energy Physics, DOE</p>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Update from the National Science Foundation Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences</b> (20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)	<p><b>Dr. Tie Luo</b> Directorate Head, MPS, NSF</p>

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**2:30 PM**      **Update from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)**      **Mr. James Donnellon\***  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Deputy Assistant Administrator  
NOAA NESDIS

**3:00 PM**      **Update from the U.S. Department of State**      **Mr. David Reineck**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Foreign Affairs Officer and AAAS STPF Fellow  
Office of Space Affairs, State Dept.

**3:30 PM**      Break (30 minutes)

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**International Partners Presentations**

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**4:00 PM**      **European Space Agency—Science Highlights**      **Dr. Carole Mundell\***  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Director of Science, ESA

**4:30 PM**      **National Space Science Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences—Science Highlights**      **Prof. Chi Wang\***  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Director General, NSSC

**5:00 PM**      **Indian Space Research Organization—Science Highlights**      **Mr. N. Lakshmi Narasimhan**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Counsellor, Space / ISRO TLO  
Embassy of India

**5:30 PM**      **Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency—Science Highlights**      **Dr. Tsuda Yuichi\***  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Former Project Manager, Hayabusa2, JAXA

**6:00 PM**      Plenary Session Adjourns

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