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CNES International Affairs Seminar France at the centre of the new world space order

Tuesday 5 February, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall opened the agency's International Affairs Seminar at its Toulouse Space Centre (CST), in the presence of CNES's Directors and representatives from institutional partners. He took this opportunity to emphasize that CNES's international relations policy remains key to embracing the new world space order.

The International Affairs Seminar is a major event in the CNES calendar, setting out the stakes, accomplishments and mechanisms of its European and international affairs and offering a forum for dialogue between all French stakeholders working in the field of space cooperation.

Jean-Yves Le Gall began by underlining the team success of CNES in the international arena, built on the complementary roles of its directorates and their relationship with institutional stakeholders, in a fast-changing global space landscape being shaped by increasingly numerous players and the impacts of NewSpace, which is employing development and management methods from the Internet sphere to significantly boost competitiveness.

He set out three types of international partnerships and avenues that CNES is pursuing: bilateral European partnerships through the framework of the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Union (EU), thanks to which CNES remains a pivotal player as the leading contributor to ESA and the main instigator of the EU's space strategy and space regulation; historic, foundational partnerships with the world's leading space players outside Europe (China, India, Japan, Russia and the United States), which are a core element of CNES's international focus; and cooperation with emerging space powers such as Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Singapore, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam, whose ambition is to transform their societies and economies through space.

This rich international cooperation is fuelling CNES's three main areas of focus: climate, with the inception of the Space Climate Observatory (SCO), and exploration and innovation, for which it is forging partnerships with niche technology players.

After the seminar, Jean-Yves Le Gall commented: "CNES's international relations are vital for France to continue playing a pivotal role in the new world space order and enable us to accomplish ambitious projects that we couldn't otherwise pursue alone. These relations sustain our reputation for excellence around the globe and support our national industrial and economic interests. CNES has thus become a key element in its own right of France's diplomatic apparatus."

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