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# WORLD SPACE WEEK 2020

# What is World Space Week?

World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from October 4-10. These dates commemorate **two events**:

**October 4, 1957:** Launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik-1, thus opening the way for space exploration.

**October 10, 1967:** The signing of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

World Space Week is the largest space event on Earth, with over 8,000 events reported in 2019 and held in 96 countries. These events are organized by thousands of organizations, including space agencies, aerospace companies, astronomy clubs and museums. In 2020, World Space Week is dedicated to satellites and their broad benefits under the theme "Satellites improve life." Since the first satellite (Sputnik-1) was launched into orbit in 1957, space technology has evolved rapidly. Today, a growing number of satellites orbit around the Earth, making various Earth observation, communications, navigation and science applications possible. As technology advances, the potential of satellites will undoubtedly continue to grow. New markets will emerge along with new opportunities to push the boundaries of what space technology currently offers.

Despite the global pandemic, there are safe and exciting ways to participate and celebrate. For example, during the week you can download some special applications to your phone or to your computer and observe and follow the satellites passing by near you.



Sputnik-1



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