

African Space Race Heats Up: Key Events and Missions in May 2026

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1. Which African country is set to host the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program in 2026, enabling direct communication with astronauts?

- A) Nigeria
- B) South Africa
- C) Kenya**
- D) Ethiopia

2. What is the theme for the 2026 NewSpace Africa Conference, which will be held in Libreville, Gabon?

- A) Space for Economic Growth
- B) Inclusive Growth: Expanding Space Benefits to all Africans**
- C) African Innovation in Space
- D) Bridging the Digital Divide with Space Technology

3. The South African National Space Agency (SANSA) plays a key role in supporting which NASA mission?

- A) Artemis I
- B) Mars Perseverance
- C) Artemis II**
- D) James Webb Space Telescope

4. Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu has ordered the allocation of funds for the country's space program. What is a significant recent development in Nigeria's space initiatives?

- A) Launch of a new lunar rover
- B) Approval for the launch of four satellites for Earth observation and national security**
- C) Establishment of a Mars colony
- D) Development of a new space-based telescope

5. The Kenya Space Agency launched the Kenya Earth Observation (EO) Data Sharing Framework 2026. What is a primary goal of this framework?

- A) To share astronomical data with other planets
- B) To coordinate the use and sharing of space-derived data for development and innovation**
- C) To develop new rocket fuel technology
- D) To establish a private space tourism company

6. The 'Nakuja' program, meaning 'I am coming,' refers to Kenya's development in which area of space technology?

- A) Asteroid mining
- B) A satellite constellation for global internet
- C) A space and rocket launcher program**
- D) Interstellar travel technology

7. The International Space Summit Africa (ISSA) is scheduled to take place in which Sub-Saharan African city in August 2026?

- A) Nairobi, Kenya
- B) Pretoria, South Africa**
- C) Abuja, Nigeria
- D) Accra, Ghana

8. Nigeria's National Space Council has approved several initiatives. Which of the following is one of these approved initiatives?

- A) The construction of a new observatory
- B) The revision of Nigeria's 25-Year Space Programme Roadmap**
- C) The development of a space elevator
- D) The launch of a mission to study Jupiter's moons

9. The NewSpace Africa Conference 2026 will be held in which country?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Kenya
- C) Gabon**
- D) South Africa

10. What is a key focus of the Africa Space Economy, Innovation & Communication Conference 2026?

- A) Exploring Africa's growing space economy and investment opportunities**
- B) Developing new methods for space debris removal
- C) Establishing a lunar base for scientific research
- D) Searching for extraterrestrial life

11. The South African National Space Agency (SANSA) operates the largest ground station in the Southern Hemisphere at which location?

- A) Johannesburg
- B) Hartebeesthoek**
- C) Cape Town
- D) Durban

12. Which African nation is preparing to launch its own space and rocket launcher program named 'Nakuja' in 2026?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Ethiopia
- C) Kenya**
- D) Ghana