

Sub-Saharan Africa's Latest Space Milestones: Satellites, Accords, and Lunar

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1. Which Sub-Saharan African nation became the first Francophone African country to sign the US-led Artemis Accords in July 2025, aimed at establishing international norms for peaceful space exploration?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Senegal**
- C) Angola
- D) Rwanda

2. In April 2025, South Africa announced advancements in its national satellite program with a focus on bridging the digital divide. What is a key long-term goal of this program?

- A) Launching a fully South African-owned satellite within seven years.**
- B) Establishing a joint satellite manufacturing facility with China.
- C) Leasing satellite capacity from European nations.
- D) Developing a continental African satellite network solely for military use.

3. Which Sub-Saharan African country's space agency held a high-level meeting in November 2025 with a UAE-based company to explore collaborations in Earth Observation, space systems development, and capacity building?

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

4. Nigeria's National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) congratulated Chief Owolabi Salis in July 2025 for a significant achievement. What was this achievement?

- A) Developing Nigeria's first indigenous satellite.
- B) Becoming the first person of Nigerian birth to travel to space.**
- C) Establishing a new spaceport in Abuja.
- D) Leading a successful mission to the International Space Station.

5. As of June 2026, South Africa has launched a significant number of satellites. Approximately how many satellites have been launched by South Africa, according to available data?

- A) 5
- B) 8
- C) 13**
- D) 21

6. The Africa2Moon project, an all-African space exploration mission, aims to deploy a low-frequency radio telescope on the Moon. In April 2025, this project was selected as an international payload for which country's lunar mission?

- A) United States (Artemis Program)
- B) Russia (Luna Program)
- C) China (Chang'e-8 mission)**
- D) India (Chandrayaan Program)

7. Kenya's Space Agency (KSA) has been active in developing its space capabilities. Which satellite, launched in April 2023, was Kenya's first locally developed earth observation satellite?

- A) Simba-1
- B) Safari-1
- C) Taifa-1**
- D) Maji-1

8. Algeria launched two satellites, ALSAT-3A and ALSAT-3B, in January 2026. What is a primary capacity these satellites are intended to enhance for Algeria?

- A) Deep space communication
- B) High-resolution Earth imaging for land-use planning and disaster prevention**
- C) Astronomy and celestial observation
- D) Military reconnaissance of neighboring countries

9. The African Space Agency (AfSA) was formally launched in Cairo, Egypt, on April 20, 2025. What was the primary decision-making body that initiated the creation of AfSA?

- A) The United Nations
- B) The African Union (AU)**
- C) The World Economic Forum
- D) The African Development Bank

10. As of January 2026, which Sub-Saharan African nation has a CubeSat, BurkinaSat-1, that is expected to be launched in 2026?

A) Zimbabwe

B) Burkina Faso

C) Tunisia

D) Mali