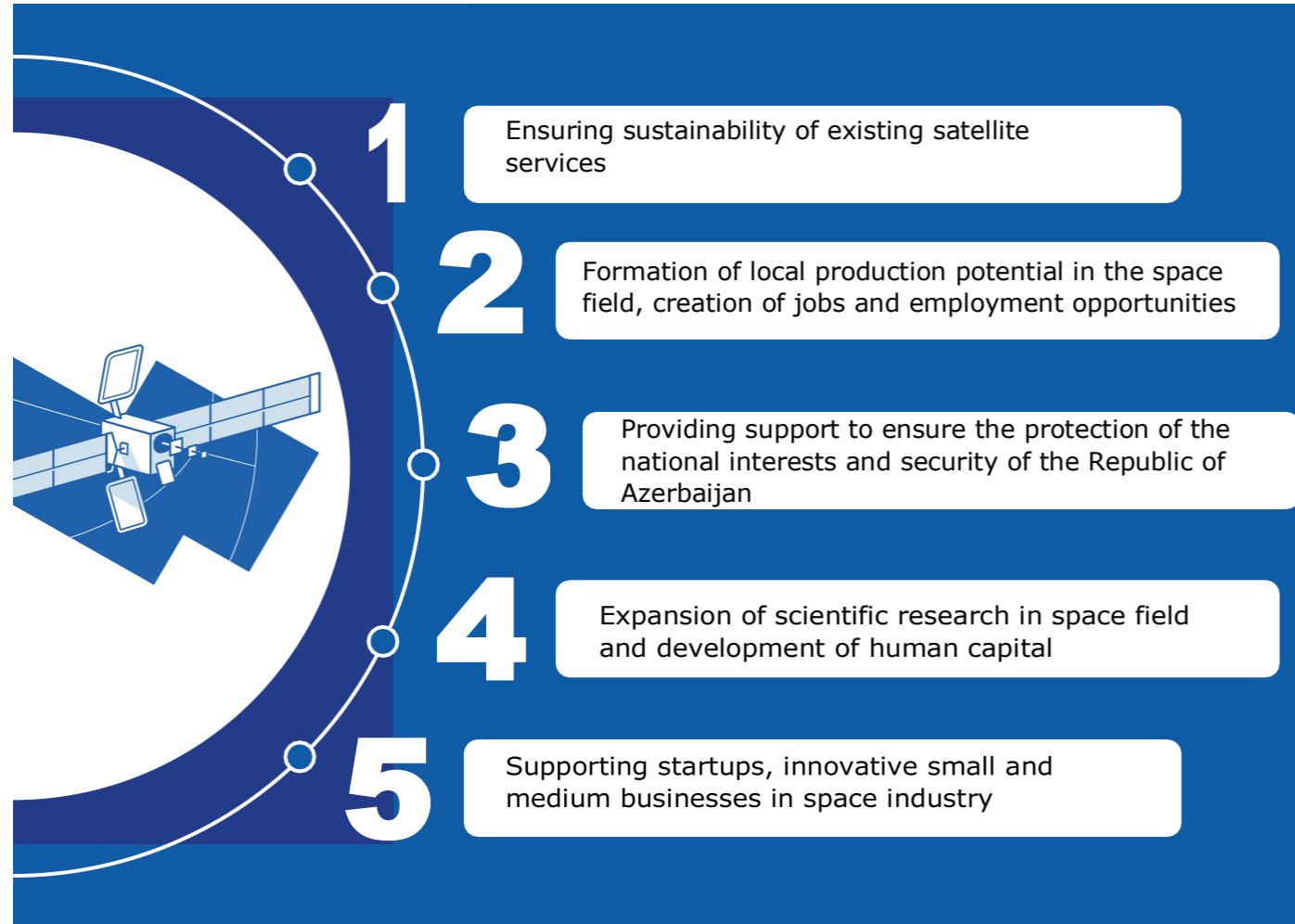


Space Strategy 2030: Priority Directions



1 Ensuring sustainability of existing satellite services

To ensure the long term sustainability of satellite services provided both locally and internationally, as well as to maintain the stable inflow of foreign currency revenues, we will replace satellites that are ending their planned orbital lifetime. An orbital constellation consisting of very high resolution satellites will be deployed in orbit. An orbital constellation consisting of very high resolution satellites will be developed in order to expand the remote sensing aspects of Earth observation, broaden the application areas of satellite imagery and the value added products created as a result of their processing, and to achieve high accuracy in analysis. The implementation of innovative satellite projects will serve the development of commercial activities. Azercosmos will continue to develop satellite enabled innovative solutions based on advanced technologies and foster commercially effective international partnerships to strengthen global cooperation and market presence.

2 Formation of local production potential in the space field, creation of jobs and employment opportunities

A Spacecraft Development Center will be established. At least 50 new jobs will be created as engineering and technical staff directly related to the space field in the center. The range of value-added analytical services for Earth Observation will be increased and regional activities in this area will be expanded. The use of Earth Observation services in the Republic of Azerbaijan will be expanded. Within the new development direction of space activities, currently called NewSpace, new business lines and revenue streams will be established.

3 Providing support to ensure the protection of the national interests and security of the Republic of Azerbaijan

In order to support information security, measures will be taken to provide backup communication links for strategic infrastructure in the country, expand satellite communications in remote areas and in the Caspian Sea, and use the capabilities of the satellites of the Republic of Azerbaijan to prevent external threats to the information security of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The capabilities of Azerbaijani satellites will be used for peace and security purposes.

4 Expansion of scientific research in space field and development of human capital

Strategic cooperation will be established between the space industry, science and educational institutions. In order to support the conduct of space research and the application of innovative approaches, close relations and cooperation will be established between public and private enterprises representing the space industry and various higher education institutions. As a result of cooperation with foreign universities, the establishment of laboratories, exchange programs and dual diploma programs will be ensured in local higher education institutions. In order to increase the country's international reputation in the space field, cooperation opportunities and attractiveness for investors and partners, necessary steps will be taken to ensure that space-related meetings, forums and conferences are held in Azerbaijan, and speeches, presentations and projects will be implemented in organizations of which the country is a member towards the realization of such initiatives.

5 Supporting startups, innovative small and medium businesses in space industry

A favorable legislative environment will be created in the country for the organization and application of high technologies with scientific and innovative capacity in the field of space activities. The creation of startups in the field of space activities will be ensured and a business environment will be created for their effective operation. Access to foreign business incubation centers will be obtained by using international relations to represent local startups at the global level.