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SPACE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE SOUTHERN CONE REGION OF LATIN AMERICA
(ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY & CHILE): EMERGING TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND
SUPPORT MECHANISMS.

Abstract

The Southern Cone region of Latin America has a longstanding history in various space activities, usually with a focus on science and heavy industry (like ALMA observatories in Chile, and satellite building in Argentina). However, in recent years, the region has witnessed a surge in space entrepreneurship, leading to the establishment of globally renowned startups.

Thanks to interviews with local entrepreneurs, internal research of each country institutions, and taking into account the state of space industry development in each country, this paper aims to showcase the type of emerging businesses in the region, explore the challenges faced by local space entrepreneurs, and assess support mechanisms from various sources (government, private sector, civil society, etc.) to understand the general state of space entrepreneurship in the region.