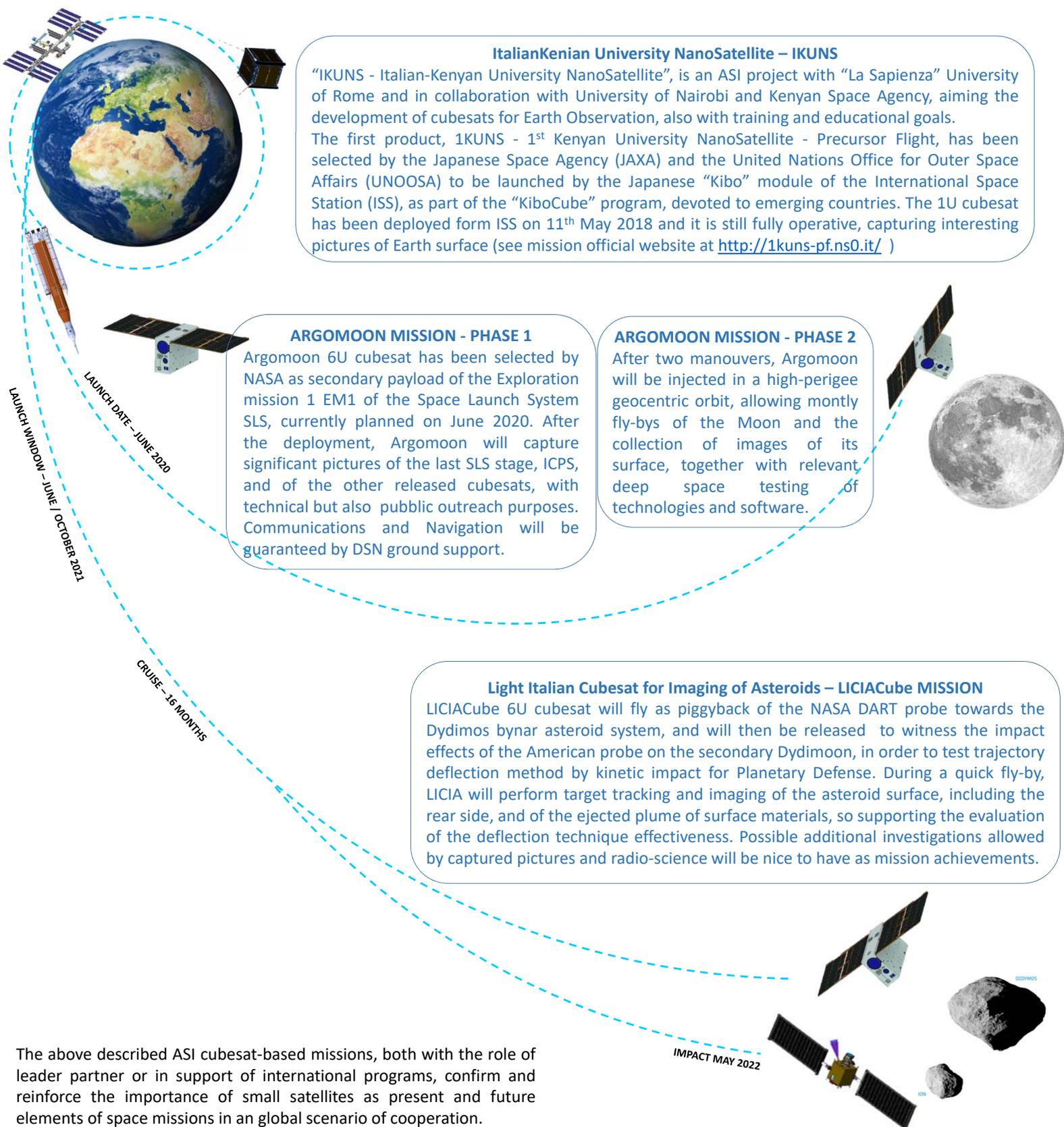


Italian Nanosatellites for exploration in International Cooperation

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Space science is one of the areas where cubesats can be used to complement the investigations performed by the traditional probes. The nanosats can be devoted to specific tasks, sometimes for a limited part of the entire mission. Moreover, the limited financial required effort makes missions affordable for a wider group of potential space actors, so allowing the participation of small or emerging countries in big challenges and fostering the international cooperation at different levels.

The Italian Space Agency - ASI is currently implementing several programs for cubesats development in international environment.



The above described ASI cubesat-based missions, both with the role of leader partner or in support of international programs, confirm and reinforce the importance of small satellites as present and future elements of space missions in an global scenario of cooperation.