

## 2 telecom satellites launched from French Guiana

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Arianespace has launched two satellites from the South American country of French Guiana that will provide telecommunication services to the Eastern Hemisphere.

The ASTRA 2F will provide direct-to-home broadcast services to Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The GSAT-10 satellite will serve the [Indian Space Research Organization](#) and provide direct-to-home broadcasting and radio-navigation services.

Both satellites have a lifespan of 15 years.

The Ariane5 launcher was carrying a total of 10,200 kilograms (22,500 pounds) when it placed both satellites into orbit Friday.

Arianespace has 21 shareholders from 10 European countries, including France's CNES space agency.

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