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## NASA in the News

NASA announced plans to partner with Microsoft to develop technology that will make planetary images and data more readily available to the public. "Making NASA's scientific and astronomical data more accessible to the public is a high priority for NASA, especially given the new administration's recent emphasis on open government and transparency," said Ed Weiler, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. The project, WorldWide Telescope, is an online virtual telescope that allows users to explore NASA content, such as high resolution scientific images and data from Mars and the moon. Additional information and a free download of WorldWide Telescope can be found at [www.worldwidetelescope.org](http://www.worldwidetelescope.org).



## Learning and Exploration

NASA has released *FROZEN*, its second major production for the Science on a Sphere platform. Developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Science on a Sphere technology gives viewers the sense that a globe is suspended in space before them as clouds and images of other climate features swirl over its surface. Goddard Space Flight Center's Science Visualization Studio helped collect data from various satellites and turn them into images for the spherical film. To learn more about *FROZEN* and find cities where this unique cinema-in-the-round will be installed, visit [www.nasa.gov/externalflash/frozen](http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/frozen).

## Web of Knowledge

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