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As the Agency Chief Technologist, A.C. Charania serves as principal advisor to NASA's administrator on technology policy and programs. He also leads technology innovation at the agency and aligns NASA's agency-wide technology investments with mission needs across the six mission directorates. Charania oversees technology collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector while coordinating with external stakeholders.

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