The Paris Peace Forum: a global governance platform

In a world where collective action is more urgent than ever but where competition and the complexity of global challenges seem overwhelming, the Paris Peace Forum is a platform open to all seeking to develop coordination, rules, capacities and political momentum.

Year-round support activities and an annual event in November help better organize our planet by:

1. Convening the world
Every year, the Paris Peace Forum convenes heads of state, leaders of international organizations and companies, and civil society organizations from all corners of the world to improve global governance.

2. Boosting projects
At its annual event and throughout the year, the Paris Peace Forum showcases and accelerates emerging solutions through customized support by connecting project leaders with decision-makers, practitioners, and funders.

3. Incubating multi-actor initiatives
The Paris Peace Forum leverages its community of members and partners, as well as its privileged access to expertise and diplomatic networks, to launch and accelerate multi-actor initiatives providing responses to global challenges.
Bringing all governance actors to the table

The first five editions gathered:

- **45,000** participants from more than 175 countries
- **137** heads of state and government
- **51** leaders of international organizations
- **1400+** speakers in debating solutions to today’s greatest challenges
- **500+** companies
- **462** projects from around the globe

And generated **18,000+** publications and media appearances
Paris Peace Forum: a timeline

1st EDITION
Better governance for a world at peace
11-13 Nov. 2018

2nd EDITION
Championing Multilateralism
11-13 Nov. 2019

3rd EDITION
Bouncing back to a better planet
11-13 Nov. 2020

4th EDITION
Addressing the North-South gap in times of Covid-19
11-13 Nov. 2021

5th EDITION
Riding out the Multicrisis
11-12 Nov. 2022

6th EDITION
Seeking Common Ground in a World of Rivalry
10-11 Nov. 2023

PPF was created in March 2018.

The 2019 Spring Meeting was organized around President Emmanuel Macron with Founding Members of the Forum such as His Highness the Aga Khan.

The 2020 Spring Meeting focused on Covid-19 pandemic and welcomed Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

The 2021 Spring Meeting focused on mending the North-South gap and welcomed Kristalina Georgieva, IMF Managing Director, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, WTO Director-General, and others.

The 2022 Spring Meeting focused on food security and welcomed Secretary General of the UN Antonio Guterres and others.

The 2023 Spring Meeting was dedicated to helping the Summit for a New Global Financing Pact, June 22-23.
In 2023, the Paris Peace Forum will keep defending collective action. It will keep pushing its large coalitions in fields like cybersecurity, critical minerals, climate overshoot or development finance. And it will remain a place of coordination and negotiation among all committed actors – not just governments – to roll back the chaos.

Justin Vaïsse,
Founder and Director General of the Paris Peace Forum
Seeking Common Ground in a World of Rivalry

Consensus on global governance is still possible
In a world dominated by a rising US-China rivalry, it is as urgent as ever to find common ground on the governance of global commons and global public goods in domains like climate change, outer space or critical minerals. Facilitating dialogue, creating action-oriented coalitions and defining norms or pre-norms is our way to deliver efficient responses to the urgent challenges of our time.

Weaving the threads of cooperation against the grain of competition
By showcasing transnational solutions, projects and initiatives, the Forum will put the spotlight on remarkable stakeholders from all over the world whose actions and commitments are making a difference for our planet.
Seeking Common Ground in a World of Rivalry

A few sessions will facilitate the geopolitical dialogue between different types of actors from the United States, China, Europe, Africa, Asia and South America, enabling superpowers and emerging powers to compare their visions of the world, the future of global governance as well as their concrete proposals.

In the program, special emphasis will be placed on the following themes:

**Protecting the planet and the people**

**Ensuring trust and safety in the digital world**

**Addressing inequalities and accelerating SDGs**

**Crafting peace and building a safer world**

... with speakers from governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector, philanthropy, academia.
Program highlights – 1/4 Protecting the planet and the people

Nature loss has far-reaching consequences. Damages of ecosystems exacerbate climate change, undermine food security and put people and communities at risk. **We are using the equivalent of 1.7 Earths to maintain our current way of life** (Global Footprint Network, 2022) and ecosystems cannot keep up with our demands. From the Earth poles to outer space, the Paris Peace Forum will bring forward solutions to make the global governance of new frontiers clean and sustainable.

Governing Risks from Climate Overshoot: recommendations of the Global Commission

This independent commission launched in 2022 by the PPF just released a report on an effective, robust, and integrated strategy to reduce risks from possible climate overshoot of 1.5 °C. It puts forward several groundbreaking proposals that could catalyze new climate action worldwide. The Commission, featuring former heads of state and ministers, business executives, and civil society leaders coming from Africa, China, the US, the EU, India, Pakistan, Small Islands States, reached consensus on ambitious, equity-focused recommendations. Among them:

- A proposal for a "graduated, differentiated phase-out" of fossil fuel production and consumption, combined with richer countries aiming for net-negative emissions by 2050 (removing more carbon than they emit) to allow non-industrialized countries more time to decarbonize their economies while reducing poverty.
- A blueprint for several new mechanisms for adaptation finance and policy, including replication of the JET-P model and a Global Climate Vulnerability Index, which would drive more strategic investments tailored to local climate threats.
- While urging expanded research into solar geoengineering, the Commission advises adopting a moratorium on deployment and large-scale outdoor experiment given uncertainties about impacts.
- The Commission outlines principles and safeguards for rapidly scaling up high-integrity carbon dioxide removal, while distributing costs fairly.
Program highlights – 1/4 Protecting the planet and the people

Acting Together for a Responsible Critical Minerals Sector
At the 2022 edition, actors from all over the world launched the "Acting Together for a Responsible Critical Minerals Sector" initiative to enable the energy transition and achieve net zero. International organizations, companies and business alliances, NGOs, foundations and high-level dignitaries agreed on the need to remove obstacles to collaboration to ensure sustainable access to and use of critical minerals. New developments and related projects will be featured during the 6th edition.

Preparing for the upcoming COP 28
The PPF will host a high-level discussion panel discussing the expectations, opportunities and challenges ahead of the COP28. Sessions will also explore the potential of green hydrogen in tackling the climate crisis, carbon offset markets, preservation and protection of biodiversity and implementation of the COP15 roadmap.
Program highlights – 1/4 Protecting the planet and the people

One Planet Polar Summit
The current international climate crisis and context threaten the polar and glacial worlds, it is urgent to act to protect these already fragile environments. For the first time, researchers and scientists from over forty glacial and polar nations will be meeting in Paris during the One Planet Polar Summit to share their findings and observations. The high-level closing session with the political leaders of the Arctic, Antarctic and the glacial world, the heads of international institutions and the private sector involved in these regions, will take place at the Paris Peace Forum.

Protecting space: Net Zero Space Initiative
Launched during the 2021 Forum, this initiative to protect the Earth’s orbital environment brings together global actors from the entire space value chain (agencies, launchers, satellite operators, universities, and civil society) around a joint declaration of principles. It calls for achieving sustainable use of space by 2030 by taking action now to reduce the creation of new debris and manage existing debris. Priorities at PPF6 will include the notion of carrying capacity of Earth’s orbits and the governance of in-orbit servicing activities.

Launching the Lunar Policy Platform (LPP)
The Lunar Policy Platform (LPP) will aim at facilitating the effective and cooperative development of lunar policies for responsible and sustainable uses of the Moon, and standards of behavior for safe, predictable and conflict-free lunar activities. By fulfilling these goals, the LPP aims to become a trusted facilitator of lunar consultation and coordination, contributing to the development of a peaceful, prosperous, safe and sustainable future on the Moon for the benefit of all humanity.
More than 5 billion people of the earth’s 8 billion use the Internet worldwide, or roughly 66% of the world’s population (ITU, 2022). However, with amazing opportunities brought by the digital world come serious risks and inequalities such as child sexual exploitation online or harmful content. The emerging AI technology could reshape the global economy and improve the health of millions of people but is also linked to major risks. Action is needed to tackle those safety challenges and to make the digital world a safe and secured space for all.

Harnessing Generative AI

Building upon the work of the Paris Peace Forum on AI and content, as well as information and journalism, the 6th edition will gather actors of generative AI to outline a system of standards that would respond to the main risks. Sessions will also feature projects harnessing AI for better public policies.

Standing up for children's rights : Children Online Protection Lab

Launched in 2022 at the PPF, the Children Online Protection Lab is a groundbreaking multi-stakeholder partnership that identifies, assesses and develops concrete protocols and solutions enabling children to use digital tools safely and benefit from their full potential without being exposed to abuse. The next edition will present its implementation progress and explore ways to expand its support and efficiency.
The Paris Call for Trust and Security in the Cyberspace

The Paris Call for Trust and Security in the Cyberspace, launched at the 2018 edition of the Forum, lists nine essential principles for trust and security in cyberspace. It is now the guiding framework for 1200 signatories, including 80 states, more than 700 companies and 380 organizations from civil society. A few sessions will take stock of the progress made so far and the steps ahead.

Summit of the Christchurch Call to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content online

Launched in 2019 by New Zealand former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and French President Emmanuel Macron, the Christchurch Call is a community of over 120 governments, online service providers, and civil society organizations acting together to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content online. This year, the Christchurch Call will hold its annual summit during the Paris Peace Forum to present their progress and push further their dialogue and actions.
Program highlights – 3/4 Addressing inequalities and accelerating SDGs

The triple crisis of climate, biodiversity and pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic are having a devastating impact on inequalities and extreme poverty. 2023 marks the mid-point in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals but just 12% of the SDG goal targets are on track, 50% are moderately or severely off track and 30% have either seen no movement or regressed below the 2015 baseline (SDG Progress Report, 2023). Faced with this situation, the Paris Peace Forum will boost development initiatives to build more equal and inclusive societies.

Defining the next steps on reforming development finance

The June 2023 Summit for a New Global Financing Pact provided an opportunity to address the challenge of financing development goals and the climate transition, as well as to advance the reform of the multilateral financial architecture. Building on this momentum, global actors will reconvene in November to define some of the next steps in reforming international financial architecture, improving flows and processes to ensure a locally-adapted approach.

Driving a new global health architecture

Building on current negotiations around a pandemic treaty, the Forum will continue to inform and host discussions around the reform processes of the global health architecture, with a focus on innovative approaches to solidarity for fair benefit-sharing of scientific data. Other sessions and selected projects will explore topics ranging from the intersection between the climate agenda and global health, to the ethics and global governance of genome editing.

Ensuring food security

Building on the momentum of high-level initiatives, meetings and sessions on global food security, resilient food systems and access to fertilizers that were put forward by the Forum last year, the program will feature again this crucial topic with stakeholders from various sectors. It will also put the spotlight on selected projects supporting women to strengthen agricultural resilience in a context of food crisis.
Program highlights – 3/4 Addressing inequalities and accelerating SDGs

- **Strengthening our efforts to achieve gender equality and protect women’s rights**
  The PPF will continue to focus on efforts to safeguard progress on gender equality and women’s rights and foster women’s leadership. Sessions will explore how to develop effective support and resources to strengthen gender equality initiatives and ensure women’s voices are better included and heeded in order to achieve the SDGs. There will also be a special focus on women and climate.

- **Highlighting the place of youth in decision-making**
  The PPF believes in the power young people hold in raising awareness in their communities, promoting more sustainable lifestyle changes and solutions and advocating for the rights of vulnerable groups. Sessions will highlight youth initiatives from around the world, address how to boost local youth-led solutions and place youth at the heart of decision-making processes in a meaningful and inclusive way.

- **Innovating in private sector strategies for sustainable development**
  The program will put in the spotlight the role of the private sector in creating more sustainable and inclusive economies and will highlight responsible business practices to accelerate the collective impact of corporate sustainability midway to the 2030 SDGs deadline.

- **Showcasing the power of sport as a tool for peace**
  Ahead of the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, a few sessions including athletes will gather actors supporting and implementing sport-for-peace activities and discuss how to strengthen sport as a strategic tool for peace, sustainability and inclusion.
Program highlights – 4/4 Crafting peace and building a safer world

The 2023 edition of the Global Peace Index released by The Institute for Economics and Peace has found that global peacefulness has declined for the 13th time in the last 15 years. Ongoing threats against international peace must be urgently resolved through peacebuilding and countering disinformation efforts. The Forum will put forward initiatives and solutions from actors all over the world aiming to maintain peacebuilding on the agenda and to fight disinformation to secure our democratic online environment.

Strengthening peacebuilding efforts

The world is experiencing the highest number of violent conflicts since the Second World War, with 2 billion people living in conflict-affected areas and over 100 million people forcibly displaced. The “multicrisis” created by the consequences of Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine, coupled with an acceleration of climate change, has increased fragile countries’ vulnerability and created new challenges for conflict prevention. In parallel, shifting budget priorities in the Global North have weighed on peace activities and reconstruction efforts, and less and less money is going to local civil society actors.

The Paris Peace Forum will aim to 1) maintain peacebuilding on the agenda and adequate levels of funding, 2) incorporate new dimensions such as climate security into peacebuilding strategies, 3) ensure effective alignment and cooperation between donor countries and within the UN-Bretton Woods system and 4) empower local actors.

Sessions will also include selected projects presenting solutions to build back better after conflicts through inclusive and sustainable reconstruction.

Fighting against disinformation

The consequences of the compounded crises the world has experienced in the past years (from the COVID-19 pandemic to tense electoral processes, environmental scandals to conflicts) have been aggravated by the spread of disinformation, which technology, such as AI, and the repeated attacks on the work of media exacerbate. As in past editions, the Forum will put forward initiatives and solutions from actors all over the world aiming to fight disinformation and guarantee informational quality. Sessions with selected projects will also showcase ideas on how to secure our democratic informational environment online.
The shape of the event

The 6th edition will once again be held at the Palais Brongniart

This emblematic venue offers an opportunity to diversify the exchange formats throughout the event. In addition to classic debate sessions, the 6th edition will feature interactive formats, such as roundtables, workshops, breakout and spotlight sessions.

A primarily in-person edition

In 2022, we were happy to finally return under one roof, and look forward to another in-person edition in 2023, with experts intervening from around the globe.

Multi-actor

The 2023 Paris Peace Forum will convene representatives from states, international organizations, businesses, development banks to foundations and NGOs and more from around the world.

A multilateral milestone

The 6th edition will echo and complement the work of upcoming and subsequent events (Summit for a New Global Financing Pact 22-23 June in Paris, the G20 summit in New Delhi, the UNGA September 2023, COP28 in the UAE November-December 2023).
Beyond the event...
The Space for Solutions

Accelerating solutions that make a difference

International cooperation is key to overcoming global challenges and ensuring lasting peace. This is why, since 2018, the Paris Peace Forum operates as a platform that brings together all stakeholders around the world – political and economic decision-makers, companies, civil society and leaders from academia, culture, sports, and media – mobilized to foster innovative multi-actor solutions to these global challenges. The Paris Peace Forum has had the privilege of working with over 460 projects from around the world, these solutions are the living proof that global cooperation can make a difference.

This year, the Space for Solutions will showcase up to 60 projects and initiatives tackling issues at the core of the sixth edition. All of them will enjoy a chance to take the floor to discuss their work.

Discover the 2023 Selected Projects here!
Beyond the event...
Themes for this year’s Space for Solutions

Consistent with the themes of the 6th edition, the 2023 Call for Solutions invited applications focused on the 10 following topics:

**PROTECTING THE PLANET AND THE PEOPLE**

1. **Biodiversity**: Protecting forests to achieve climate objectives & implement COP15 roadmap
2. **Climate**: Making carbon offset markets trustworthy and effective
3. **Critical Minerals**: Strengthening cooperation across countries in accessing critical minerals

**CRAFTING PEACE AND BUILDING A SAFER WORLD**

7. **Conflict resolution**: Building back better after conflict: inclusive and sustainable reconstruction
8. **Global Health**: Exploring the ethics and global governance of genome editing

**ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES AND ACCELERATING SDGs**

4. **Women and agriculture**: Supporting women to strengthen agricultural resilience in a context of food crisis.
5. **Sport**: Changing social norms by promoting inclusion and sustainability through sports
6. **Outer Space**: Promoting fair access to outer space by the Global South to accelerate SDGs and growth.

**ENSURING TRUST AND SAFETY IN THE DIGITAL WORLD**

9. **Online content**: Securing our democratic informational environment
10. **Artificial Intelligence**: Harnessing AI for better public policy
“The projects presented here are all arguments in favor of inclusive multilateralism, with the full participation of civil society, including young people, business, academic and philanthropic circles.”

António Guterres,
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
at the 2019 Paris Peace Forum
Beyond the event...

PPF Policy initiatives

Taking the Forum’s multi-actor initiatives to the next level

The Forum serves as an incubator and platform of new global governance policy initiatives. This 6th edition will offer the opportunity to explore the Forum’s main areas of policy focus: global health, climate risks, digital and outer space issues. Each initiative pioneers new forms of cooperation between governments, international organizations, civil society and businesses to deliver concrete results.

The November Forum will be an opportunity to discover the progress of each of our home-grown initiatives:

**Net Zero Space**
Sustainable use of outer space by 2030

**Incentivize Early Warning for Pandemics**
Exploring innovative solidarity mechanisms to achieve fair benefit-sharing of scientific data

**Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace**
The reference framework to promote core principles for the safety of cyberspace

**Climate Overshoot Commission**
Exploring an effective, robust, and integrated strategy to reduce risks from possible climate overshoot

**North-South Laboratory on agricultural transitions**
Bringing all players from South and North closer together on the agricultural transitions needed to achieve food security in Africa

**Acting Together for a Responsible Critical Minerals Sector**
Removing obstacles to collaboration to ensure sustainable access to and use of critical minerals
See you in November at the 6th edition of the Paris Peace Forum!

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