

# PARIS PEACE FORUM 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

















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#### President

The Paris Peace Forum has clearly become the place to be in global governance affairs. As the new President of PPF, I could not have been more impressed with the achievements of the sixth edition, which brought together hundreds of speakers, civil society project leaders, and thousands of participants for 85 panels and roundtables of extraordinary quality.

A firework of concrete policy deliverables came out of them, including an implementation plan for the "Paris Pact for the People and the Planet", the adoption of the "Paris Call for Glaciers and Poles", the release of the results of the "Climate Overshoot Commission", and on digital

issues, the launch of the "Paris Charter on AI and journalism", to name just a few examples. A new dynamic attracting several other summits also gained traction, and for almost a week last November, Paris became the capital of global commons and global public goods' diplomacy.

Crucially, the Forum also provided a platform for peace dialogue on current conflicts, including the Middle East, Ukraine, or DRC, and demonstrated that really important geopolitical discussions on international cooperation can take place between experts and representatives of countries currently in competition, like the US and China, and that trust can be repaired.

In 2024, we will continue building our policy initiatives, broaden our expert communities and reaching out to countries committed to making the governance of our world better. We hope to see you next November.



#### Justin Vaïsse

#### Founder and Director General

It is often asked: what does the Paris Peace Forum do for peace? After all, isn't it more about global governance? And while bombs fall in Gaza, is the Forum really relevant to peace?

Answering this question requires considering three scales of time: short-term measures to silence weapons and uphold the laws of war; medium-term diplomatic efforts essential for sustainable peace; and long-term focus on global governance challenges such as climate change, online disinformation, and artificial intelligence. Neither humanitarian urgencies nor the necessary diplomatic work should divert us from working towards a more stable and less

belligerent international environment, as global issues constantly interact with current conflicts and could potentially, if not regulated, fuel future wars. If we seriously aim to build peace, we must therefore address long-term challenges, advance common norms, and try to find points of consensus in a world of increasing rivalry. This is at the core of our mission at the Paris Peace Forum.

This year, the Forum endeavoured to deal with open and burning crises, even though this is first and foremost the role of States, diplomats, and the United Nations. This sixth edition brought together multi-stakeholder key players in global governance to try "Seeking Common Ground in a World of Rivalry", against a backdrop of global polarization jeopardizing international cooperation on issues vital to humanity – all in an environment marked by the eruption of the war in the Middle East. We provided a platform for dialogue on current conflicts, witnessed a number of political breakthroughs on critical environmental or digital issues, and showcased innovative concrete solutions and projects from around the world.

In 2024, our commitment is to continue our efforts to prevent tomorrow's conflicts and build the foundations for lasting peace, by preparing a less chaotic and better regulated world to face the global challenges that threaten us. Even in this moment of darkness, our faith in multilateralism and international cooperation must prevail.

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#### 1. Sixth edition of the Paris Peace Forum

For the sixth year in a row, the Paris Peace Forum brought together key players in global governance on November 10-11 at the Palais Brongniart. Following the success of 2022, we returned under the roof of this exceptional venue located in the center of Paris, to welcome stakeholders from around the globe.

The Forum offered exciting opportunities for participants to experience different types of exchanges throughout the event. In addition to panel sessions taking place on five stages, the event also featured roundtables in four rooms, enabling more interactive and inclusive formats as well as in-depth discussions and networking opportunities.

Besides the two-day packed program, the Forum attracted several other events to Paris seeking to take advantage of the political momentum on 10-11 November, and in turn reinforcing PPF as a key moment in international governance. These events taking place within the context of the Forum included an International Humanitarian Conference on Gaza, the first One Planet-Polar Summit on poles and glaciers at the Natural History Museum, the 5th Summit of the Christchurch Call at the Palais de l'Elysée, the third Summit on Information and Democracy as well as a series of thematic global governance dinners co-organized with Forum partners.

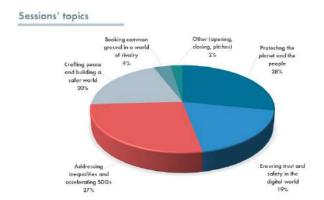
## 1.1 The program: Seeking Common Ground in a World of Rivalry

Against a backdrop of global polarization (most notably between China and the United States) jeopardizing international cooperation on issues vital to humanity in an environment marked by lingering wars and the eruption of conflict in the Middle East – the 2023 event focused on Seeking Common Ground in a World of Rivalry.

A special emphasis was placed on the following priorities:

- Protecting the planet and the people to steer global cooperation towards a greener and more sustainable path, just a few weeks before COP 28,

- Ensuring trust and safety in the digital world, encompassing diverse issues ranging from governing AI, protecting children online and cooperating on cybersecurity, to online disinformation,
- Addressing inequalities and accelerating SDGs with solutions to enhance food security and improve health systems, as well as to ensure refugee protection and empower women,
- Crafting peace and building a safer world, addressing the pressures against humanitarian law, the challenges of multilateralism in the face of multicrisis, and the fragmentation of globalization.



#### Highlights of the program

Over the course of the two-day Forum, 85 sessions and close to 400 speakers explored how to address global governance challenges in a difficult geopolitical context. The program was hosted on five stages and in four roundtable rooms that ran simultaneously and included the following highlights:

#### **Opening session**

This introductory session featured two different opening addresses, both calling for peace. The first was a message of the Pope delivered by Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the

French Republic, the second was a speech delivered by **Elsy Milan**, a young activist and scientist from Lebanon. They stressed the urgency of finding common ground for the people and the planet.

### Delivering on the Paris Pact for People and the Planet

Five months after the Paris Summit on a New Global Financing Pact, French President Emmanuel Macron convened two high-level discussions with engaged partners, which achieved three objectives:

- 1. Take stock of progress on the reform of the international financial system (incl. increased funding for the World Bank, conversion of SDRs for poor countries to over 100 billion USD, progress on credit suspension clauses in case of climate disaster, and new mechanisms for mobilizing the private sector to finance the green transition) and identify key coalitions and initiatives contributing to the Pact.
- 2. Launch a follow-up committee to be headed by Senegalese President Macky Sall and hosted by the OECD.
- 3. Identify key areas of progress for upcoming international milestones, starting with COP28.

They featured Emmanuel Macron, President of France, Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana, Macky Sall, President of Senegal, Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium, Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General of the OECD, N.K. Singh, President of the Institute of Economic Growth, Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the IMF, Jin Liqun, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and Charles Michel, President of the European Council.

This opening sequence was followed by several other public and private panels and roundtables, including a session of the Franco-Kenyan Task Force on International Taxation headed by Laurence Tubiana, Director General of the European Climate Foundation and a 4P implementation committee meeting at the ministerial level during which stakeholders discussed solutions on how to boost financial efforts for People and the Planet.

#### On climate and environment

A few weeks ahead of COP28 in Dubai, the Forum tackled key climate and environmental issues:

- The first international Summit on glaciers and the poles (One Planet Polar Summit) was held as part of the Paris Peace Forum (November 8-10). With a scientific and climate focus, this summit a key example of the effort to "Seek Common Ground in a World of Rivalry" saw the presentation of the first scientific report on the cryosphere and the adoption of the Paris Call for Glaciers and Poles.
- The preparatory work on the Coal Transitions Accelerator, which was officially launched shortly afterwards during COP28 in Dubai to phase out private funding for coal-fired power plants currently responsible for a large part of global CO2 emissions.
- The release of the results of the "Overshoot Commission" initiated in 2022 by the Paris Peace Forum. This Commission, headed by Pascal Lamy and made up of 12 leading figures from around the world, formulated new recommendations for tackling global warming, including a gradual and differentiated phase-out of fossil fuels, negative net emissions from rich countries, innovative financing mechanisms, adaptation policies (including replication of the JET-P model, a global climate vulnerability index, a moratorium on the deployment of solar geoengineering for intensified research in this field, a framework for carbon capture, sequestration mechanisms, etc.)
- The preparatory work on the "Global Council on Transition Minerals" which is building on the work carried out by the Forum since its 2022 edition ("Acting Together for a Responsible Transition Minerals Sector"), and aims to defend humanity's collective interest in the production of minerals critical to the ecological transition, without reproducing the negative externalities (geopolitical, social and environmental) observed in the oil and gas sector.
- Workshops on the continued preservation of outer space, in particular the Net Zero Space Initiative and questions surrounding space

traffic and the rules applicable to the use of the moon, notably around the Lunar Policy Platform.

#### On development

2023 marks the mid-point in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals; however, only 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 held sessions aiming to boost development initiatives and build more equal and inclusive societies such as:

- The launch session of the Call for multistakeholder mobilization for sustainable agricultural development in Africa through the transformation of its farming systems, not only to increase production, but also to enable sustainable and equitable food systems that generate wealth for all and prioritize access to nutritious food, environmental sustainability, and resilience.
- Discussions on the reform processes of the global health architecture, with a focus on innovative approaches to solidarity for fair benefit-sharing of scientific data.
- The preparatory session for the work of the Paris Peace Forum on the interaction between Climate and Health, around Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, an initiative that complements the Forum's work on sharing health data and its North-South benefits as part of the negotiation of a pandemic treaty that may be adopted in 2024.

### On breaking the cycle of multicrisis and multiconflicts:

- Violence is on the rise globally. The "multicrisis" created by the post-Covid setback on SDGs, debt, and new climate vulnerability has pushed many countries on the brink of greater fragility and political instability and created new challenges for conflict prevention. During the session From Multicrisis to Multiconflicts: How to stop the vicious circle, where Ukrainian President

**Volodymyr Zelensky** delivered a message of peace, participants discussed how to characterize 21<sup>st</sup> century conflicts, how to incorporate new dimensions such as climate security into prevention and peacebuilding strategies, and how to break the cycle of inequality and violence.

- These same topics were addressed in several geopolitically focused sessions which brought together heads of state and government, heads of international organizations and NGOs, and experts around this year's theme aimed at saving international cooperation from excessive geopolitical rivalry, but also the decline in peacekeeping resources, the rise of middle powers, multilateralism in the face of multicrisis, the UN Summit of the Future, and the fragmentation of globalization.
- Other sessions on conflicts provided an opportunity to exchange views on pressures against humanitarian law (Stopping the war on the rules of war) and the challenges facing international justice, including a presentation by Karim Khan, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. On the year of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, major NGO leaders discussed how to counter the rise of human rights abuses worldwide and how to find "common ground" based on the UDHR. Actress and activist Nazanin Boniadi also focused on fighting for democracy, youth and women's rights, specifically in Iran.

#### On AI, cybersecurity, and other digital issues

Artificial intelligence offers boundless promise. Yet, its ascent brings inherent risks, epitomized by the proliferation of deep fakes. The high-level session Navigating the AI Revolution: Shaping a Decade of Promise and Peril brought together some of the key players in the debate (Brad Smith, Chairman of Microsoft; Yann Le Cun, Chief AI Scientist at Meta; Chen Qiufan, Science fiction author; Gabriela Ramos, UNESCO; Zeynep Tüfekçi, Technosociologist; and Ian Bremmer, Head of Eurasia Group and advisor on AI at the UN). It explored how AI redefines societies, scrutinized its impact on diplomacy, security, ethics, and human

rights, and discussed international governance to harness its potential while mitigating risks.

AI's impact on journalism was discussed in a session co-organized with Reporters Without Borders (RSF) which saw the launch of the **Paris Charter on AI and journalism** with 10 ethical principles to guide the use of artificial intelligence by newsrooms. The charter was drawn up with 20 key partners and a 31-member international committee. Its message: "Humans above machines", as summarized by **Maria Ressa**, Nobel Peace Prize 2021.

At a time when images generated by artificial intelligence are multiplying on social networks, the Forum featured a primary review of the new developments for the Children Online Protection Lab, launched at the 2022 Forum, which put several solutions provided by companies and NGOs to the test in the past year. The Forum also hosted several sessions on eliminating terrorist and violent extremist content as well as dangerous disinformation online, two of which were working sessions of the 5th Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit around the Special Envoy and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Dame Jacinda Ardern.

The Forum brought together the community of the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace, which carries on its normative work with the aim of agreeing to a text regulating the use of cybermercenaries by 2024. During the plenary session, INTERPOL announced that the organization was joining the coalition, marking the first time the Paris Call gets the support of by an international organization since its launch five years ago.

The Third summit for Information and Democracy on the theme "Cooperating for the integrity of information" was held during the Forum. In the presence of French Minister of Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna, the Summit gave decisive impetus to two major projects: the evaluation of information space in times of conflict, and international cooperation for a democratic information space. The event was part of the French government's États Généraux de l'Information.

The program sessions were also an opportunity to feature:

- All 2022 Scale Up projects as well as the 2023 selected projects,

- The role of the Forum as an incubator and platform of new global policy initiatives and a number of sessions focused on such initiatives developed and supported by the Forum throughout the year.

## The 10-10-10 (or global governance) dinners

The 10-10-10 dinners were created in 2022. The concept behind them mixes the tradition of educated and sometimes animated political conversation – the Parisian salon – with the convening of actors from around the world eager to find common ground and solutions to pressing problems of the world. Each dinner gathers 10 hand-picked participants, is curated jointly by the Paris Peace Forum and the host institution and moderated by a professional, under Chatham House rules.

On 10 November 2023, eight major institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce, the European Commission (FPI), Sciences Po Paris, AXA, Allen & Overy, and the Institut Montaigne, hosted a dinner on a theme related to their mandate. They were a great success according to the participants and organizers.

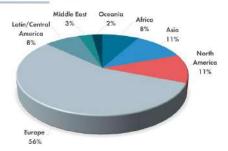
## 1.2 Diverse participants and speakers

#### Speaker diversity to inform the debates

The two-day program of the 2023 Paris Peace Forum gathered 394 speakers from various geographic regions and professional sectors. 394 speakers from 83 countries took part in 85 sessions across the event's nine stages and rooms. This year saw an increase in the number of speakers from Asia, especially China, compared with previous editions.

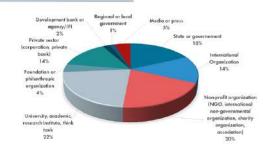
Despite the conflict in the Middle East taking center stage at the time of the Forum, Ukraine also remained high on the agenda of the Forum with a video of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and a spotlight discussion with 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Oleksandra Matviichuk. The Forum also welcomed other speakers from the Ukrainian civil society, one of whom was from a project selected in 2022.





This year's program stayed true to the Forum DNA of building multi-stakeholder sessions. Among the speakers contributing to the program sessions, roughly 18% were State or government officials (including 13 heads of state or government and 18 ministers). 20% were civil society representatives, 22% were experts from the academic world, 14% from international organizations, and another 14% hailed from the private sector.

Speakers by types of organizations



In keeping with the Forum's mission to build synergy between top-down approaches and bottom-up solutions, all participating projects were offered a speaking opportunity as part of one of the sessions. This provided project leaders with great visibility and the discussions with fresh perspectives.

When planning the sessions, the Forum strives to promote committed female voices from all sectors and backgrounds. This year, 54% of the speakers were men, and 46% were women. Young people and changemakers also played an active part in the debates and discussions, accounting for 12% of the total number of speakers, an increase on 2022.

The Forum remains dedicated to increasing the participation and visibility of female speakers and voices from the young generations and will continue to do so in future editions.

#### A selection of speakers

#### Heads of state and government

- Nana Akufo-Addo, President, Republic of Ghana
- Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Belgium
- Xavier Espot Zamora, Prime Minister, Principality of Andorra
- Irakli Garibashvili, Prime Minister, Georgia
- Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister, Republic of Estonia
- Albin Kurti, Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo
- Emmanuel Macron, President, French Republic
- Jakov Milatović, President, Montenegro
- Mia Mottley, Prime Minister, Barbados
- **Nikol Pashinyan**, Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia
- Edi Rama, Prime Minister, Republic of Albania
- Macky Sall, President, Republic of Senegal
- Salome Zourabichvili, President, Georgia

### International organizations and multilateral development finance institutions

- Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Maria Fernanda, Chairwoman, International Chamber of Commerce
- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
- Karim Asad Ahmad Khan, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- **Jin Liqun**, President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- Charles Michel, President, European Council
- Simon O'Connell, Chief Executive Officer, Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV)
- Odile Renaud-Basso, President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Rémy Rioux**, Chief Executive Officer, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Christian Ritscher, Federal Public Prosecutor, currently Special Adviser and Head of United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (UNITAD)

- Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General (EOSG)
- Peter Sands, Executive Director, The Global Fund
- Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission

#### Other global governance stakeholders

- Celso Amorim, Chief Advisor to the President of Brazil and Member of the Steering Committee of the Paris Peace Forum, Federative Republic of Brazil
- Dame Jacinda Ardern, Former Prime Minister, New Zealand and Special Envoy for the Christchurch Call
- Zeinab Badawi, President, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- Nazanin Boniadi, Actress and Activist
- **Ian Bremmer**, President, Eurasia Group & GZERO Media
- Gabriela Bucher, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fund for Global Human Rights
- Agnès Callamard, Secretary-General, Amnesty International
- Celina Chien, Board Member, Panthera Foundation
- Omnia El Omrani, COP27 Youth Envoy
- Comfort Ero, President and Chief Executive Officer, Crisis Group
- Tony Estanguet, President, Paris2024
- Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Executive Director, GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion
- Arancha Gonzalez, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po Paris
- Jane Goodall, Founder, The Jane Goodall Institute
- Zhou Jinfeng, Secretary-General, Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation
- **Ma Jun**, Founding Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs
- **Hina Rabbani Khar**, Former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
- Yann Le Cun, Vice-President and Chief AI Scientist, Meta
- Louise Mabulo, Member, Youth Engagement Group - Climate Overshoot Commission

- Oleksandra Matviichuk, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate
- **Shunichi Miyanaga**, Chairman, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- Chen Qiufan, Novelist
- Aakash Ranison, Director, Greener Earth Foundation
- Maria Ressa, CEO and President, Rappler Inc, and 2021 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- Ghassan Salamé, Emeritus professor of International Relations, Sciences Po Paris
- Oulimata Sarr, Former Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation, Republic of Senegal
- N.K. Singh, President, Institute of Economic Growth
- **Brad Smith**, President and Vice-Chairman, Microsoft
- Alex Soros, Chair, Open Society Foundations
- **Zeynep Tüfekçi**, Co-Chair, Global Tech Thinkers
- Sigrid van Aken, Chief Executive Officer, Postcode Lottery Group
- Henry Wang, Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization
- Sarah Wayne Callies, Actress and Goodwill Ambassador, International Rescue Committee
- Heela Yoon, Founder and CEO, Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace Organization
- Laurence Tubiana, Director General, European Climate Foundation

## 1.3 Renewing the experience at the Palais Brongniart.

#### Volunteer program

The Volunteer Program for the Paris Peace Forum was initiated in 2018 in collaboration with our founding partner, Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), which recruited 115 students as volunteers. Over time, the initiative has expanded, with four additional partners joining forces: Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO), Aga Khan Development Agency (AKDN), Ecole Européenne des Métiers de l'Internet (EEMI) and Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique.

In its sixth edition, the Volunteer Program experienced a record-breaking 417 applications, marking the highest number received to date.

Following a selection process, 252 individuals were chosen to actively participate in the Forum over the course of two days. Among the volunteers, 86.51% were students from PSIA, 6.35% from AKDN, 5.16% from Inalco, and 1.59% from EEMI. The composition of volunteers reflected a gender distribution of 72.2% female and 25.79% male.

This year's program featured 11 distinct roles, including seven carried over from previous years (General Greeters, Partner Greeters, Project Leader Greeters, Note Takers, Quote Takers, and roundtable coordinators) and four newly introduced roles (Delegation Officers, Bilateral Greeters, Media Greeters, and Partner Note Takers). All volunteers underwent position-specific training and were given the chance to participate in an on-site visit to the Palais Brongniart prior to the Forum.

Building on the success of the previous year, a system of Volunteer Coordinators was once again implemented for the sixth edition, providing 16 volunteers with a unique behind-the-scenes perspective at the Forum. Moreover, three of the Volunteer Coordinators had previously volunteered for the program in the previous year. Additionally, one volunteer photographer was hired to capture the events at the Space for Solutions.

#### **Fostering interaction**

For its sixth edition, the Paris Peace Forum returned to Palais Brongniart, consolidating its new foothold at the heart of Paris.

To further enhance the participants' on-site experience of the event, the Forum took over the entire building by forging new partnerships with the sub-tenants of the 3rd and 4th floors: this strategic expansion aimed to provide space for extensive multiactor networking opportunities while capitalizing on the stages and roundtable rooms that had proven successful in 2022.

#### **Enhancing the Networking experience**

The Space for Solutions, at the heart of both the event and to the Forum's mission, was brought together on the most visible floor of the Palais, thereby boosting the visibility of the 62 projects showcased in a thematic village system.

The PPF Lounge experienced a considerable extension, spanning an entire wing of the Palais. This enlargement allowed for the exploration of new networking formats, including three partner-exclusive cocktail events, two networking breakfasts centered around Forum initiatives, and more. Additionally, each of the three main floors of the Palais featured expansive networking areas accessible to all participants.

The array of bilateral meeting spaces, which this year included five larger rooms located under the glass roof of the  $4^{th}$  floor, has been complemented by a separate informal meeting area on the  $3^{rd}$  floor (mezzanine), along with three private offices reserved for strategic partners of the Forum.

The speaker's briefing area was set inside the iconic Spoon restaurant for an improved VIP experience and a "Speakers' corner" was introduced on the second floor, providing speakers with special networking opportunities.

#### Highlighting the Program and our speakers

This effort to facilitate interactions at the Forum went hand in hand with a concern to further highlight the program and enhance the speakers' experience.

From the planning stage, the setting up of Palais Brongniart was indeed carefully studied to enable a variety of formats such as panels, spotlights, roundtable sessions and more: the closing ceremony, for example, featured a unique artistic performance.

The accessibility and acoustics of the Forum's two emblematic stages at Palais Brongniart – stages A and B – were improved, as were those of stages C, D and E, now grouped together on the 2nd floor. Building on the lessons from PPF5, the organization and oversight of the four roundtable rooms also underwent visible optimization.

This ongoing work to build on the achievements of 2022 was enabled by an increased use of digital tools tailor-made for the Forum, from program management (CYIM) to participant registration (Eventanizer) as well as seating of the official session (Mark'us) and carbon footprint calculation (Trace).

Once again, this year, the Forum was conceived with a strong awareness of sustainability issues. This CSR strategy was reflected, for example, through the use of recyclable cardboard badges, an environmentally responsible dining selection for all and the upcycling of existing furniture from the Palais Brongniart as

well as custom-built structures from the 2022 edition.

#### 2. Boosting solutions

Since 2018, the Paris Peace Forum has shed light on innovative projects that offer concrete solutions to the world's most pressing problems. The projects invited to the Forum stand out by their capacity to shape global governance and deliver tangible results by fostering new standards, bringing together different stakeholders, building new capacities and/or unlocking funding. These projects are led by various governance actors (non-governmental organizations, international organizations, companies, states or governments, etc.) and implemented in different regions of the world. Over the years, the Forum has showcased 515 projects, including 53 projects selected this year.

The Forum is also an accelerator: it has already supported 50 high-potential projects, helping them increase their impact and achieve their objectives as part of its Scale-up (SCUP) program.

#### 2.1 The Scale-up program

Through its SCUP program, the Paris Peace Forum provides customized support to ten projects for one year, including in the areas of public policy and advocacy, communications and visibility, partnerships, funding and organizational development. To do so, the SCUP program offers:

- Mentoring: each project team is matched with two SCUP mentors who help them achieve the objectives defined at the beginning of the year. The mentors are renowned personalities in their field of activity and commit to mobilizing their expertise, know-how, and networks to help the projects<sup>1</sup>.
- Workshops for project leaders fostering peer learning and interactions, focusing on pitching and storytelling, digital communications, strategic advocacy, and more.
- Support from the Secretariat, managing both the overall SCUP process and providing specific guidance and mobilize the Forum community.

The results of the SCUP's fifth year of activity demonstrate the Paris Peace Forum's potential to make a difference by supporting the development of promising governance solutions, thereby contributing to effective responses to current and future global challenges.

More information on each project's progress since November 2022 and the impact of the support provided is available in the <u>SCUP Activity Report</u>.

## The 2022-2023 SCUP projects and their trajectory over the past year

In November 2022, the **following ten projects were selected** among the 60 projects presented during the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum to benefit from SCUP support for one year. The main results of this year of SCUP support are briefly highlighted:

African Farmers as Climate Entrepreneurs | Climate Action Platform for Africa | Implemented in Africa

The project aims to prove that African smallholder farmers (SHF) can generate significant revenue from climate-smart approaches and in the process, be active and valued contributors in the fight against climate change.

Over the past year, the SCUP aided the project's shift from research to ideation, utilizing connections and conferences such as the Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend to advance promising outcomes. 800 farmers were successfully enlisted in a pilot program, yielding substantial insights toward the objective of leading in the creation of an SHF carbon asset class. The addition of Pascal Lamy, Vice President of the Paris Peace Forum, to the organization's board symbolizes heightened acknowledgment and new partnership opportunities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The list of 2022-2023 SCUP mentors is detailed in Annex 1.

### EmpatIA: Al to solve public issues in LATAM | ILDA | Implemented across South America

The project explores the use of machine learning for government transparency, climate action and environment in Latin America focusing on openness, inclusion and evidence-based policies.

With AI rising on the public agenda, EmpatIA capitalized on this momentum, fostering engagement with the Latin American public and institutions as well as amplifying the region's voice in global AI conversations. SCUP mentors played a vital role, offering valuable insights into a more inclusive second edition of the project and cutting-edge global approaches to AI, while facilitating essential connections with funders.

## Global Index on Responsible AI | Research ICT Africa | Implemented across Africa

The Global Index on Responsible AI aims to measure the progress toward the responsible use of AI in over 120 countries around the world.

The project made substantial strides, establishing a core team, methodological frameworks, and piloting across ten countries. Recognized as a top SDG solution, it engaged with global leaders and expanded its reach through expert advisories and key connections. SCUP mentors and the Secretariat provided strategic advice, navigating sensitive geopolitical issues, enhancing communications, and opening doors to potential partnerships through invitations to high-level events.

## Global Partner Network for Feminist Foreign Policy | Feminist Foreign Policy Collaborative | Implemented internationally.

The Global Partner Network for Feminist Foreign Policy is an informal, global and multi-stakeholder network and dedicated space for the advancement of feminist foreign policies worldwide.

During the year of SCUP, this project burgeoned into a robust, multi-stakeholder network with over 50 partners, setting principles and working groups. Leveraging engagements at CSW (Commission for the Status of Women) and EU platforms, it gained credibility and engagement opportunities. The SCUP mentors facilitated introductions to influential

figures and guided strategy, fortifying its presence in the EU and UN landscape.

#### <u>Humanitarian Digital Infrastructure</u> | COMMIT GLOBAL | *Implemented in Europe*

Commit Global has built a unique digital ecosystem to assist Ukrainian refugees' needs of official information, verified housing and resources, healthcare, and educational services.

In their pursuit to expand institutional and political ties, the team leveraged the SCUP Program to gain entry to partner events such as the Open Government Partnerships Summit. They also strategically fostered connections with government bodies, international organizations, and funders across Europe and beyond. The guidance received on organizational development propelled their expansion beyond Ukraine to Moldova and catalyzed the development of novel PTSD support solutions.

## Joint Environment Venture for South Asia | Conciliation Resources | Implemented in India, Pakistan

This project is a platform for environmental collaboration across the India-Pakistan border, creating a space for scientists & communities to collaborate and innovate to address shared climate challenges.

The insightful guidance received through the SCUP Program enabled the project to better identify and communicate its comparative value, specifically to the private sector, enhancing its confidence in engaging with diverse stakeholders and pitching the initiative to the right audience.

#### <u>Jouhouzia CER Hub Lebanon</u> | Biladi | Implemented in Lebanon

The project aims to safeguard heritage in emergencies. It connects soldiers & heritage experts by putting in practice heritage rescue operations. Beirut Blast was its first mission.

In one year, Jouhouzia gained international exposure and refined its strategy. SCUP mentors provided guidance in narrative development and network expansion, crucial for securing future support. The program strongly contributed to improve structuring within the NGO and build a clearer outcome definition, enabling its growth trajectory.

### Measuring impact, to finance the future | Vested Impact | Implemented internationally

Vested Impact leverages millions of data points to automatically assess & quantify the non-financial impact of companies; directing financing to companies that make a profit & a difference.

Over the past year, Vested Impact witnessed exceptional growth, quintupling revenue, and securing notable investments. The platform assessed Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) impacts, engaged in policy-level analysis, and expanded its network substantially. SCUP mentors and the Secretariat played a pivotal role in refining communications, fostering crucial connections with stakeholders, high-profile facilitating and engagements in international conferences such as COP28, amplifying visibility and potential partnerships.

## PREZODE - Preventing Zoonotic Disease Emergence | CIRAD | Implemented internationally.

Operationalizing One Health: PREZODE and its partners such as Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) foster synergies and break-down sectoral silos from local to global to prevent the risk of the zoonotic disease emergence.

Strengthening its leadership in pandemic risk prevention, PREZODE showcased practical case studies and gained visibility in influential reports and summits. This led to partnerships, endorsements, and engagements crucial for funding and broader reach. SCUP mentors and Secretariat provided key advice on their strategy and initiated connections, one of the mentors even joined the governance of the project, creating a lasting link beyond the year of support. As a result, the project's engagements with international events and networks increased its recognition and potential for wider impact.

## QLEVER solution to fight hate online | Equal Rights and Independent Media | Implemented in Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Uzbekistan

QLEVER solution promotes critical thinking and strengthen the resilience of youth in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan to disinformation and hate speech online through a unique "serious game" platform.

The SCUP support to this project ended early in the year due to a lack of alignment between the team's vision of the kind of support that the SCUP program could bring to their initiative and our offer. This experience has allowed the Forum to further enhance the screening process for future cohorts.

#### **Testimonies from SCUP project leaders:**

"Our mentors helped us think through some of the really tricky political issues that I think we weren't adequately prepared for. It was just vital kind of advice and guidance." - Rachel Adams, Project Lead & Principle Investigator, Global Index on Responsible AI.

"The close and continuous follow up with the mentors with the clear vision that they provide push the project into new horizons. It allowed me to turn a passion and a cause into a professional work with high standard values." – Joanne Bajjaly, Founder and CEO, Biladi.

"There is such a big network within the Forum itself and as you start to engage you start finding avenues for different senior personalities. The reason why I'm able to access them is because of the relationship through the Forum allowing that you're no longer a stranger. There is familiarity and you are within a family so to speak."— Jack Kimani, CEO, CAP-A.

## 2.2 A lively project leaders' community

In 2023, the Forum team continued to strengthen the relationship with and between projects showcased during previous editions to foster an active and dynamic community of project leaders over the long term.

The activities launched last year have been successfully renewed with 4 quarterly newsletters promoting the latest news and progress of past projects to the entire community of project leaders (which counted nearly 1,800 recipients), and 4 exclusive informal conversations with high-level personalities:

- Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS),
- Annika Soder, President of the Board of Governors European Institute of Peace and former State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Sweden,
- Hanaa Edwar, Co-founder and chairperson of Iraqi Al-Amal Association,
- Gilles Yabi, Founder and Executive director of the West Africa Citizen Think Tank WATHI,

offering the opportunity to explore their background and day-to-day work.

The Forum also offered opportunities for several former projects to take part in other international events (Change Now, Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend, Paris Summit for a New Global Financing Pact, Open Government Partnership (OGP) Summit, MIT Sustainability Summit and COP28) throughout 2023. The Call for Solutions and the Forum's work around the projects was presented in a PPF side-event at the Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend: "Calling for solutions to overcome global challenges at the 6th Paris Peace Forum2" featuring two SCUP projects (Global Index for Responsible AI and Climate Action Platform-Africa). Another PPF sideevent was organized at the COP28: "Pathways to Sustainability: Post-Paris Summit Discussions on Responsible Finance3", featuring five former projects (from Vested Impact, Climate Action Platform-Africa, Women for Climate Justice, FSD Africa, The World Benchmarking Alliance). In 2023, the Forum also became an official nominator for the Earth Shot Prize and will support the application of five projects for their 2024 edition.

## 2.3 Showcasing projects: the Space for Solutions

Since 2018, the Paris Peace Forum offers project teams an opportunity to showcase their initiatives and to boost their development. The PPF provides a "one-stop-shop" where project leaders get access to decision-makers, experts and practitioners, international media outlets, potential partners and funders, and a public platform for their voices to be heard. In 2023, 53 selected projects and 9 SCUP projects took part in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum in the Palais Brongniart.

#### The 2023 selected projects

This year, over 50 projects were selected to be showcased during the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum, through an open Call for Solutions and with support from a Selection Committee including members of leading international governance institutions.

For the first time, the North/South balance representation has shifted, with nearly 60% of selected projects originating from the Global South, representing more than half of the Space for Solutions. 30% of the selected projects targeted Africa, the Middle East, South America and South-East Asia, and 19 projects were implemented internationally on at least two continents.

In 2023, the synergies initiated last year between the Forum's projects support and its policy work were pursued with the selection of projects working on topics closely related to the Forum's policy initiatives on Outer Space, Global Health and Critical Minerals.

A total of 191 project leaders participated in the annual event, most of whom were women (61%), and which came from across the world, thanks to the support of the Forum's Mobility Fund for those based in the Global South.

<sup>3</sup> The replay of this session is available <u>here</u> (at 4:04:00).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The replay of the session is available here.

In order to make the most of the Forum, all project teams benefit from:

- 1. <u>Visibility</u>: a **physical booth at the Palais Brongniart** enabling them to interact directly with other participants; and **communication efforts** to promote their visibility on the Forum's social media, website, and with media, both before and after the Forum.
- 2. Speaking slot: an opportunity to present their project and share their point of view on the topics they address with other global governance actors in either a panel or a roundtable session.
- 3. <u>Networking</u>: interactions between project teams and other global governance actors by:

Hosting a welcome workshop on "Strategizing with your PPF peers" with more than 70 project leaders, which allowed them to learn about one another's projects, challenges and experiences, and to foster future collaborations. Inviting high-level personalities to meet projects leaders in the Space for Solutions: Mrs. Jacinda Arden, Former Prime Minister, New Zealand and Special Envoy, Christchurch Call; Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Union; Mr. Angel Gurria, President, Paris Peace Forum Association or Mrs. Kelly Massol, Founder and CEO of LSL, were among the personalities who interacted with project leaders.

## Project leaders defined their experience at the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum as:

Fantastic – Insightful – Key for growth - Enriching Great – Wonderful and inspiring - A breath of fresh air Impressive– Gratifying– Collaboration – Enlightening –
Exceptional! – Visibility and unexpected meeting
opportunities - Invigorating - Unique opportunity to
explore ideas for multi-stakeholder collaboration.

### Project leaders' feedback on the 2023 event

100% consider that their participation in the Forum will help them move their project forward and will have a positive impact in their project's development.

88% assessed the cost/benefits ratio of their participation in the Forum as positive.

95% indicated that the booth was key in facilitating meaningful interactions during the Forum.

## 2.4 2023 Outlook: Supporting ten new projects in 2023-2024.

The SCUP jury selected ten new projects who will benefit from a year of Scale-up support<sup>4</sup>:

- Agriculture Collectives of Marginalized Women, led by the International Water Management Institute
- An Inclusive Approach to the Space Economy, led by <u>Caelus Foundation</u>
- Connecting the Global South with AST-GS1, led by <u>Astralintu Space Technologies</u>
- DALIL, led by Siren Analytics
- Journalisme pour les droits humains, led by Aide Humanitaire et Journalisme (AHI)
- <u>Justice for Victims in Ukraine</u>, led by the Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)
- Knockout: do not give up, led by Red Viral
- <u>Leveraging Data for Human-Centered</u> <u>Policies</u>, led by Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Gmbh
- <u>Safeguarding Gene Synthesis</u>, led by International Biosecurity And Biosafety Initiative For Science (IBBIS)
- Using open data to combat corruption, led by <u>Open Data Charter</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The description of each project is available in Annex 2.

#### 3. Policy Initiatives

#### 3.1 Digital Program

Key achievements and deliverables worth highlighting over the past year include:

- Increasing awareness around the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace, leading several major players to formally support the initiative in 2023 - including INTERPOL, the first international organization to join the Call, as well as Lenovo.
- Launch of the Paris Call workstream on countering the irresponsible use of cybermercenaries, with the publication of a first <u>Blueprint for greater transparency and cyber-</u> <u>stability with regard to the Access-as-a-Service</u> <u>industry.</u>
- Launch of the Paris Call workstream on protecting systemic critical infrastructures from cyber harm as framed in an issue brief summarizing the main issues to be tackled by the working group following a 6-month prospective reflection.
- Representing the Paris Call community, its agreed recommendations and the Forum's position in relevant international fora and negotiations, including the United Nations' Open-ended working group on ICTs (OEWG), and as part of other relevant meetings and conferences such as the European Cyber Agora 2023 as well as several workshops organized by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.
- Engaging in prospective discussions with key partners on the opportunities, risks and governance challenges associated with the largescale deployment of generative artificial intelligence.
- Gathering a large, specialized community as well as several high-level personalities around these topics during the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Paris Peace

Forum. In total, 9 sessions in the official programming were related to the digital program, as well as 2 events on the sidelines and 2 networking events.

- Deepening the collaboration with the Christchurch Call community at the occasion of a partnership in the framework of their 2023 Leaders' Summit, hosted by France and New Zealand.
- Fostering the development of solutions aimed at securing the informational environment in a democratic manner through a series of high-level discussions at the 6th edition of the Forum and through leveraging the annual Call for Solutions.

Next year, priorities for the Forum's digital policy program will especially focus on further developing the Paris Call workstreams in line with the medium and long-term orientations agreed upon with the community of supporters. The Forum will further engage with relevant international fora and negotiations to promote Paris Call recommendations and proposals while actively supporting existing governmental processes through multi-stakeholder cooperation. The Forum will also explore avenues to further structure its work on the governance of the online information space in light of fast-paced technological developments in this area, especially the rise of publicly accessible advance generative AI capabilities.

#### 3.2 Environment Program

Key achievements and deliverables worth highlighting over the past year include:

## Acting Together for a Responsible Transition Minerals Sector

The official launch of a Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals took place with a group of 6 to 10 high-level individuals. The Council members will use their experience and influence to foster international cooperation for a sufficient

responsible supply of transition minerals, including through the publication of global recommendations. They will be advised by working groups mainly sourced from within the initiative "Acting Together for a Responsible Transition Minerals Sector" and will strive to be a fair and balanced representation of consumer and producer countries.

Overall progress on the initiative on transition minerals (formerly "critical minerals") has been uneven since its launch but has taken on a positive momentum since the arrival of a new policy manager in late June 2023. The initiative has found its political niche and its direction, and the creation of a Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals is underway.

#### **Climate Overshoot Commission**

Over the next year, the focus will be on building and consolidating the Global Council, with the aim of delivering its first global recommendations.\_Key achievements and deliverables worth highlighting over the past year include:

- In February, Commissioners Basri, Beinecke, Calderon, Campbell, Godrej, Gonzalez, Kalibata, Khar, Tubiana, Xue, and Tong joined Chair Lamy in Jakarta, Indonesia, to deliberate on their adaptation part of the report, and adopt their future recommendations on this theme.
- In March, Commissioners Pascal Lamy and Kim Campbell visited Geneva to present the Commission and its rationale to the leadership of WMO, WHO, IOM and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- Early May, Commissioners Beinecke, Calderon, Campbell, Godrej, Gonzalez, Kalibata, Tubiana, Xue and Chair Lamy, joined by the members of the Youth Engagement Group, met in Nairobi, Kenya to advance their deliberations on their recommendations, specifically on CDR and a moratorium on SRM.
- Mid-May, Commissioners Pascal Lamy and Frances Beinecke visited New York City to present the Commission and its rationale to the UN Secretary-General, his USG for Policy, his Climate Action Team and the Group of Small Islands Developing States. in Washington DC,

they engaged with the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, civil society and government representatives during a closed breakfast at the Atlantic Council.

- The report of the Climate Overshoot Commission was unveiled on September 14 by Commissioners Campbell, Khar, Gonzalez, Beinecke and Lamy launched the report of the Climate Overshoot Commission, during an event at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York City. The discussion was moderated by Youth Engagement Group member Yuv Sungkur and Science Advisor Michael Obersteiner. The event, attended by civil society groups, journalists and researchers focused on introducing the novelties contained in the Commission's thinking and recommendations, the nuances of its positions and the balance of its deliberations, as well as the structure of the pathway it proposes to address related to overshoot. the risks Commissioners discussed emission reductions and the responsibility of industrialized countries in the graduated phase out of fossil fuels, the enhancement of adaptation measures, the acceleration of carbon dioxide removal, the moratorium on solar radiation modification and the support to its research and governance, and the overhaul of climate finance. They have introduced the CARE Agenda (Cut-emissions, Adapt, Remove-carbon dioxide, Explore-solar radiation modification) which they will advocate for in national and international debates.
- In September and October, Commissioners Hina Rabbani Khar and Frances Beinecke presented the report at the JFK Jr. Forum at Harvard Kennedy School, while Chair Pascal Lamy presented it at an event at Harvard Center of the Environment. In October, Commissioners Gonzalez, Tubiana and Lamy presented the report and its findings at a dedicated event at the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po.
- In November, Commissioners Rabbani Khar, Lamy and Gonzalez attended the sixth edition of the Paris Peace Forum and led two panels.they were joined by Youth Engagement Group members Shirmai Chung and Louise Mabulo. The first panel focused on the Commission's

rationale, emphasizing its establishment to mitigate escalating climate overshoot risks and proposing strategies to address them. The second panel focused on recommendations related to adaptation, particularly on the debates around the Global Goal on Adaptation. The Commission also held a bilateral meeting with the Chair of the IPCC.

- In December, the Climate Overshoot Commission is present at the COP28, with Commissioners Khar, Kalibata, Tubiana and Lamy were joined by Jeremiah Thoronka and Louise Mabulo, members of the Youth Engagement Group to discuss recommendations of the Climate Overshoot Commission as well as explore ways to reduce the risks of Climate Overshoot during two Commission-led panels. The Commission also met bilaterally with high-level government representatives from Singapore, the United States and Brazil, among others.
- To finish the year, Chair Lamy presented the report at a public event at Tsinghua University in Beijing, after having exchanged on the Commission's recommendations with the Schwarzman Scholars.

The Climate Overshoot Commission is shaping discussions around the risks of climate overshoot. Its report outlines an integrated strategy to reduce the risks related to exceeding the global warming goals decided in the 2015 Paris Agreement, and designed around the CARE Agenda: Cut emissions, Adapt, Remove carbon dioxide and Explore solar radiation modification.

#### 3.3 Global Health Program

Key achievements and deliverables worth highlighting over the past year include:

The launch of an advisory working group for the initiative "Incentivize early warning for pandemics. Fair benefit-sharing of scientific data", with Market Access Africa; Work on a discussion paper "Improved Benefit Sharing in Global Health: Building on Elements from the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) Model", commissioned to Spark Street

Advisors; The organization of two online meetings of the advisory working group and one private lunch on the sidelines of the sixth edition of the Paris Peace Forum.

- Participation in the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (New York, 20 September)
- A panel co-organized with the World Health Summit in Berlin (16 October) "Incentivize Early Warning for Pandemics. A Solidarity Mechanism for Fair Benefit-Sharing", with high-level participants such as Dr Catharina Boehme (WHO), or Anne-Claire Amprou (French Ambassador for Global Health).
- The successful organization of 5 sessions related to global health during the sixth edition of the Paris Peace Forum around three main topics: pandemic preparedness, climate and health, and the ethics of gene editing.

The Paris Peace Forum has established itself as a platform to help generate and disseminate ideas to inform the post-Covid governance of global health, ensuring that the right lessons are learned from the pandemic to forge a more effective, predictable and equitable global health system for the future. Overall, the PPF's added value on health issues is to play a supportive 'platform' role on the governance of global health, to push forward existing ideas and build consensus among different initiatives.

Next year, the global health team will continue its work on the initiative "Incentivize early warning for pandemics. Fair benefit-sharing of scientific data", while developing another initiative around the identification of climate change adaptation solutions to improve the resilience of health systems. The PPF will also be working on gene editing and other groundbreaking topics such as antimicrobial resistance.

#### 3.4 Outer Space Program

Key achievements and deliverables worth highlighting over the past year include:

- Consolidating the Net Zero Space initiative as a flagship coalition taking action against the

increasing problem of space debris. Since its launch in 2021, it has grown from 11 to 70 supporters from 25 countries across the value chain and beyond the industry, from all over the world (United States, China, India, Japan, the Philippines, Europe, Egypt, Ecuador, Thailand, etc.).

- Building on the set of policy recommendations published by the Net Zero Space Working Groups in 2022, this year's discussions focused on the definition and evaluation of the concept of carrying capacity as an efficient paradigm to operationally define space sustainability, and on the governance of in-orbit activities. Two issue briefs summarizing highlights of the discussions and initial recommendations were published in this regard.
- Representing the Net Zero Space coalition, its agreed recommendations and the Forum's position in relevant international fora and negotiations, including at the International Astronautical Federation meetings, at the 6<sup>th</sup> Summit for Space Sustainability, or at the 25<sup>th</sup> AMOS Conference.
- Gathering a large, specialized community as well as several high-level personalities around these topics during the 6th edition of the Paris Peace Forum. In total, 6 sessions in the official programming were related to the digital program, as well as 3 events on the sidelines and 2 specialized networking events.
- Deepening the collaboration with our partners in the lunar policy sector, culminating with the public launch of the Lunar Policy Platform during the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Paris Peace Forum and a MoU establishing the LPP as a knowledge partner to the Forum.
- Fostering the development of solutions aimed at promoting fairer access to outer space as a tool to support development and support the 2030 agenda though a series of high-level discussions at the 6th edition of the Forum and through leveraging the annual Call for Solutions. In total, 6 projects related to the topic were selected (10% of the 2023 cohort of projects), and two space-related projects were selected by the independent

jury in the 2023-2024 SCUP program (20% of the SCUP selection).

Next year, priorities for the Forum's outer space policy program will especially focus on further developing the Net Zero Space workstreams in line with the medium and long-term orientations agreed upon with the community of supporters. The Forum will further engage with relevant international for a and negotiations to promote Net Zero Space recommendations and proposals while actively supporting existing governmental processes through multi-stakeholder cooperation. The Forum will also explore avenues to further structure its work on the link between outer space and equitable development especially by leveraging the diverse community of projects selected in this field.

## 3.5 "Food systems in Africa" Initiative

The Paris Peace Forum has launched a new policy initiative since July 2023, tackling the transformation of agrifood systems in the face of demographic and climate changes, with a particular focus on Africa. Key achievements and deliverables worth highlighting over the past year include:

- The drafting and the launch of a <u>Call for Multi-Stakeholder Mobilization for Sustainable Agricultural Development in Africa Paris Peace Forum</u> entitled "Africa Can Be a Major Agricultural Power" which has already been endorsed by 16 organizations (among which IFAD, AKDN, AFD, CIRAD, UM6P, OCP, and others).
- The launch of a new multistakeholder coalition on the sustainable transformation of food systems in Africa, with actors from across the North/South divide, who will meet regularly over the next year to make progress on the priorities of the Call and present concrete results next year at PPF.
- The successful organization of 3 sessions related to food and nutrition security during the 6th edition of the Paris Peace Forum: a roundtable entitled "South-North Dialogue to help achieve SDG 2 & 13 in Africa: For a Sustainable

Agricultural Revolution" which was the first meeting of the signatories of the Call; a panel coorganized with PPF's new partner OCP Group, entitled "Bridging the global challenges of food security and climate change"; a roundtable that was the starting point for discussions on the organization of the "Nutrition for Growth" Summit in 2025 in France.

The Paris Peace Forum has made remarkable progress of tackling this issue, only getting to the subject in July, and with tangible results as early as November. Over the next year, the focus will be on ensuring that this initiative has a lasting political impact. The task will be to broaden the list of signatories to the call, among governments and the private sector. It will also involve publicizing the call in all relevant forums (COP, G20, G7, African Fertilizers and Soil Health Summit) and working with coalition members on the future operationalization of the South-North dialogue we are trying to promote.

#### 4. Communications

In 2023, the Communications Department focused on 4 strategic objectives:

- 1. Reinforcing the Forum's reputation as a unique and independent organization.
- 2. Helping attract and retain new financial partners.
- 3. Creating and/or consolidating lasting relationships with our various communities.
- 4. Helping make our Spring Meeting and annual event "The Places to be".

As a result, 2023 saw the Forum's confirmation as a major international event thanks to its network of media partners, an effective communications strategy on social media, and a radical transformation of the Forum's website.

## 4.1 Communications campaigns throughout the year

In 2023, the scope of our communications calendar has continued to evolve, encompassing a diverse range of impactful campaigns. Here is a glimpse of some of the key communication initiatives undertaken throughout the year:

2023 Call for Solutions: Our multichannel campaign, spanning from March to May 2023, featured a robust social media strategy across PPF channels, dedicated social media kits for diverse populations, targeted emails, and website adaptations. This comprehensive approach resulted in 165K social media post impressions, 5k interactions and 10k website visits.

Angel Gurria Assumes Presidency: The announcement of Angel Gurria as the new President of the Paris Peace Forum in March 2023 was met with a dynamic multichannel campaign. This involved press outreach, a social media campaign on our different channels, and insert in our newsletter.

Paris Peace Forum at the June Summit for a New Global Financing Pact: Our multifaceted communication strategy included live coverage on PPF channels, collaborating with international change-makers and influencers, email campaigns

and press outreach. The campaign resulted in 3.7 million impressions and 20k interactions on social media.

2023 Selected Projects Announcement: Building on the success of our call for solutions, the announcement of selected projects in 2023 was supported by a comprehensive multichannel campaign. This included an effective social media strategy, tailored social media kits, engaging emails, and website enhancements.

Climate Overshoot Commission Report: Surrounding the release of the Climate Overshoot Commission report, we supported the Commission's communications campaign reposting content and creating original content on our different channels, as well as promoted the report in our emailing campaigns and on our website.

Content on our projects and initiatives: Throughout the year, we proactively disseminated awareness-raising content in the form of posts, infographics, videos and interviews, aligning with the momentum of the international agenda. This content, centered around the themes of our initiatives and supported projects, garnered widespread engagement.

#### Social media

#### Overview

In 2023, the Forum's social media strategy focused on better highlighting its hybrid identity as both an annual event and an organization that works throughout the year, supporting projects and launching policy initiatives.

At the same time, new communication formats were explored, including the creation of educational videos centred around projects and video interviews with the Forum's Policy experts.

#### **Key Figures**

Across all social media platforms, the Forum's community grew by 10.6K followers, a 16% increase

compared to the end of 2022. By November 2023, the Forum's digital community was composed of approximately 80,400 subscribers.

Throughout 2023, the Forum's social media platforms generated more than 2.7M organic impressions (+8% compared to 2022), as well as more than 194K engagements (+22%), for an average engagement rate of 7.2% (+0.9 percentage points).

Finally, X's (Twitter) advertising support helped us generate over 170M impressions via sponsored content.

#### Website

#### Overview

In order to achieve the various objectives mentioned above, the Forum undertook a complete digital overhaul, creating a new website to better reflect the organization's evolution.

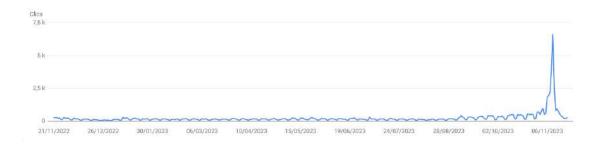
The new site better identifies the Forum's hybrid dimension, with a purely event-based section.

Connected via an API to the programming tool and database, this feature unites the annual event priorities with the program, direct access to the livestreams and replays, and the speakers.

Projects also benefit from a dedicated section that highlights everything from the cohort of 515 projects showcased at the Forum since 2018, the Scale-up Program, and the annual Call for Solutions. Finally, the Forum's various programs, policy initiatives, news, and publications are also featured.

#### **Key Figures**

The Forum website registers natural peaks in attendance at key times of the year, particularly in the periods leading up to and during the annual event. In 2023, website engagement confirmed the critical nature of this tool to promote the Forum to a global audience throughout the year. It received more than 85,000 visitors (+13% compared to 2022) with 54% of the traffic coming from abroad, mainly from Western Europe and North America.



#### 4.2 Communications around the event

#### **Press & Media Coverage**

The 2023 Paris Peace Forum generated a total of **3542** on & offline press and media publications (between 1 and 14 November) on all continents (126 countries). This marks a 23% increase from last year's coverage over the same period.

In terms of topics covered, the current international news took centre stage as a large portion of the coverage focused on president Macron's declarations on the conflict in the Middle East, and the holding of a humanitarian conference for Gaza on the occasion and in the context of the Forum. Other

topics of interest included the Summit on poles and glaciers, and discussions on AI governance and regulation.

2023 saw an increase in coverage in all regions except for South America, with Europe, North America and Asia garnering the most coverage. This can be explained by this year's theme, which highlighted US-China rivalry and brought together notable speakers from the regions, whereas last year's edition focused on South America and gathered notable heads of state from the continent.

#### Media partners and representation

In 2023, six media partners renewed their agreement with the Forum (AFP, Caixin Global, CNN, Foreign Policy, POLITICO and The New York Times). In addition, two new partners came on board, Brut and Devex, allowing the Forum to tap into new target audiences.

Each partner offered the Forum an advertising campaign in the two weeks leading up to the event (print, digital, or TV). Journalists from Caixin, Politico, CNN, Brut, Devex, and more moderated several Forum sessions.

Given proximity to the event venue, AFP benefited from a privileged media partnership, including a VIP photobooth in the venue, and granting the Forum access to use space within their premises to hold a closed-door session on outer space.

#### On-site media participation

For its 6th edition, the Forum accredited over 400 journalists to cover the event on site at the Palais Brongniart. Media accreditations were granted to major national and international newspapers, media outlets and press agencies, international TV and radio channels, and national TV channels and media outlets of participating heads of state and government.

#### Social media coverage

In 2023, our social media communications strategy was revamped to adapt to new trends. The main change was an updated live tweet strategy, which composed a significant proportion of the event's coverage on social media. Rather than posting photos and quotes of speakers, we decided to post live, short form video clips which further contextualized each speakers' insights.

Regarding streaming, this year's broadcasts were concentrated almost exclusively on YouTube. The 93 sessions streamed generated almost 73,000 views (+66% on 2022), including +50,000 views on the high-level session for the Paris Pact for People and Planet.

From 9-13 November, content shared on all our social media accounts generated +780,000 organic post impressions (+30% /2022). A total of over 45,000 engagements was reported, generating an average engagement rate of 5,77% (+2,2 percentage points).

As for the #ParisPeaceForum2023, the hashtag was used 7,000+ times and generated over 130M post impressions from 16 October to 15 November 2023.

Once again in 2023, the Paris Peace Forum benefited from €75,000 in advertising through its partnership with Twitter (X), to be extended into 2024 for different communications campaigns.

#### 5. Governance

Founded on 9 March 2018, the Paris Peace Forum is a non-profit association under the French law of 1901, with headquarters in Paris. As an independent organization, the Association has international governance bodies that decide the strategic, legal, and budgetary orientations, which are implemented by its Permanent Secretariat.

## 5.1 General Assembly and Executive Committee

The General Assembly decides the Association's main legal and budgetary orientations, approves its annual accounts, and amends its Bylaws. It includes all members of the Association, both Founding Members and Ordinary Members.

This year, one of the ten Founding Members of the Paris Peace Forum, the Körber-Stiftung, withdrew from its governance bodies.

#### The Forum's nine Founding Members:

- The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), represented by its Founder and Chairman, *Prince Amyn Muhammad Aga Khan*
- Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI), represented by its Founder Dino Patti Djalal
- The French Republic, represented by *Caroline Ferrari*, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Ifri), represented by its President *Thierry de Montbrial*
- Institut Montaigne, represented by its Special Advisor, *Michel Duclos*
- Mexico Evalúa, represented by its Executive Director Mariana Campos
- The Mo Ibrahim Foundation, represented by *Pascal Lamy*, a member of the Board of directors
- Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), represented by its Director general Sachin Chaturvedi

- Sciences Po, represented by the Director of international affairs at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques Vanessa Scherrer

#### In addition to six Ordinary Members:

- Open Society Foundations, represented by its Director of Policy and Strategic Outreach for Europe and Central Asia Catherine Fieschi
- The German government, represented by the Head of planning staff at the German Foreign Ministry Michael Scharfschwerdt,
- The Spanish government, represented by the Spanish Ambassador to France Victorio Redondo Baldrich
- The European Commission, represented by the Director General for "International Partnerships" (INTPA) Koen Doens (new member)
- Microsoft, represented by the Vice President, UN Affairs and International Organizations Chris Sharrock (new member)
- The Kenyan government, (new member)

The Executive Committee makes all the decisions regarding the activities of the Association and in particular the organization of its annual event. It shapes the program, authorizes partnership agreements, and decides on new memberships. It gathers the President of the Association, the nine Founding Members, the Open Society Foundations, and the European Commission which joined in March 2023.

In March 2023, the Executive Committee elected Angel Gurria as the new President of the Association.

Finally, the Board implements the decisions of the Executive Committee. Initially elected in March 2021, the current Board has been composed since March 2023 of the five following members: Angel Gurria (President), Edna Jaime Trevino, former of Mexico Evalua (Vice representative President), Dino Patti Djalal (Vice President), Lamy (Vice President) and Michel Pascal Duclos (Treasurer).

#### **5.2 Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee gathers high-level personalities from civil society, political institutions, international companies, or research institutes who play a significant part in deepening international cooperation. Members are chosen based on their professional and personal commitments improving global governance. They spokespersons, leveraging the mission of the Forum, they participate in the programme of the annual event, and help the Forum to improve the experience of the annual event. Steering Committee Members also embrace the solution driven identity of the Forum by engaging with SCUP project leaders and their solutions, by attending workshops throughout the year and act as catalysers by sharing their own networks and support the Forum in identifying and engaging with potential prominent headliners for the next annual event.

- **Trisha Shetty** (India), Founder, SheSays (*President of the Steering Committee*)
- **Igor Yurgens** (Russia), Chairman of the Management Board, Institute of Contemporary Development (Vice President of the Steering Committee)

- Celso Amorim (Brazil), former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil
- Gabriela Hearst (Uruguay), Creative Fashion Director and Environmentalist
- Yusra Mardini (Syria), Olympic Athlete and Gowill Ambassador for the UNHCR
- Mari Pangestu (Indonesia), Professor of International Economics at the University of Indonesia
- Gabriela Ramos (Mexico), Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- Henry Wang (China), Founder and President,
   Center for China and Globalization

#### **5.3 Permanent Secretariat**

The Association's Permanent Secretariat implements the Executive Committee's decisions. It reports directly to the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

Based in Paris, the Permanent Secretariat works under the leadership of its Director General. It is divided into seven departments (administration & finance, external relations, operations, partnerships, policy initiatives, programming, and projects).

#### 6. The Circle of Partners

#### **6.1 Benefactors**

Benefactors provide the Paris Peace Forum with the means to achieve our mission. They are philanthropic organizations, companies, development banks or agencies, governments, and international organizations which commit to working for a better global governance. Their funding or in-kind support, in addition to their active participation in Forum's activities, enable the success of the annual event and the impact of Forum initiatives.

In 2023, 9 new benefactors have joined the Paris Peace Forum and a total of 43 organizations have provided support.

Benefactors are invited to join the Circle of Partners, based on their level of contributions:

- Strategic Partners: from €500,000
- Main Partners: from €300,000 to €500,000
- Grand Partners: from €150,000 to €300,000
- Partners: from €50,000 to €150,000

#### **Strategic Partners**











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#### **Main Partners**











#### **Grand Partners**













#### **Partners**











































#### **6.2 Institutional partners**

Institutional partners are international organizations that play a central role in global governance. Their support allows the Paris Peace Forum to benefit from an extensive network and the expertise of their representatives.















Benefits are defined on a case-by-case basis and may aim to increase visibility exchanges and networking capacities, disseminate the Forum's call for projects, and contribute to the incubation and support of governance projects carried by the Forum.

#### 6.3 Knowledge partners

In 2023, the Paris Peace Forum had seven academic partners. They respond to the Paris Peace Forum's need to be identified as an actor that aggregates solutions and produces policy recommendations on global governance.















#### **6.4 Event partners**

In 2023, four high-level international events were Paris Peace Forum partners, allowing for an exchange of visibility and invitations, speaker recommendations, and the dissemination of information.









#### 6.5 Media partners

The Forum's media partnerships are based on an exchange of visibility between the Forum and the concerned media organization. The Forum features

the partner media's logo in its communication materials, facilitates interviews, and introduces high-level speakers. For their part, the media organizations provide the Forum with pro bono advertising campaigns.













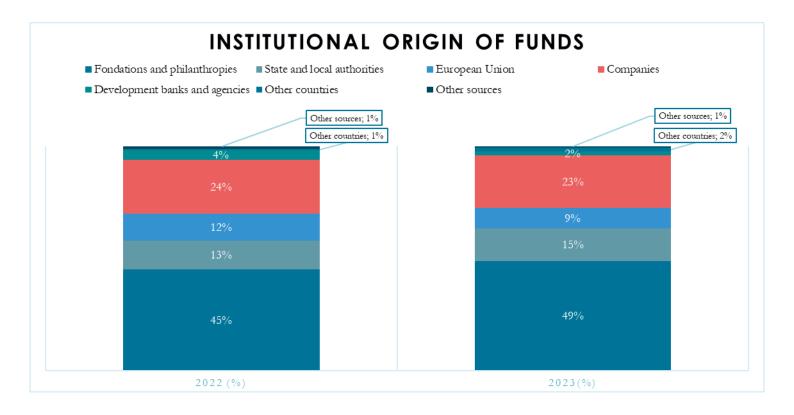


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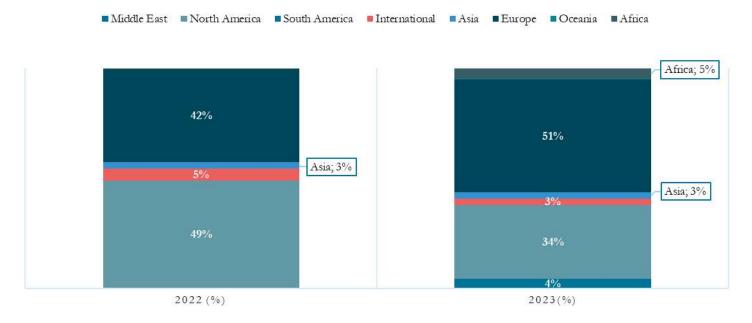
### Financial information

	2022	2023	Var
Resources	8 431 355 €	11 199 012 €	2 767 657 €
Resources from partnerships, grants, and members of the Association	8 359 293 €	11 164 531 €	2 805 238 €
Services	51 678 €	- €	- 51 678 €
Usage of dedicated funds carried over	- €	- €	- €
Other products	20 384 €	34 481 €	14 097 €
Charges	8 234 989 €	10 815 105 €	2 580 116 €
Event	4 187 416 €	4 298 645 €	111 229 €
Other events	- €	1 571 115 €	1 571 115 €
Communication	159 765 €	161 392 €	1 627 €
Mobility fund	76 172 €	109 650 €	33 478 €
Human resources, consultants, and associated charges	- €	- €	- €
General and other expenses	3 075 921 €	3 760 185 €	684 264 €
Event	735 715 €	914 118 €	178 403 €
Remaining	196 366 €	383 907 €	187 541 €

#### Segmented revenue information<sup>5</sup>



#### GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN OF FUNDS



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Segmented information is presented for revenues from the Association's partnerships, grants and members.

The Association is financed primarily through fundraising, which includes contributions from Association members, partnerships established by the Forum, and French public subsidies for the Paris Peace Forum.

In 2023, the proportion of revenue from North American contributors decreased (34% in 2023 versus 49% in 2022). The proportion of revenues from Europe has increased (51% in 2023 versus 42% in 2022), as has the proportion from Africa (5% in 2023 versus 0% in 2022). The Association received income from organizations domiciled in the Middle East for the first time since 2020, and from Oceania for the very first time.

The Forum's main contributors in 2023 remain foundations and philanthropists (49% of revenues in 2022).

## Annex 1 – List of 2022-2023 SCUP mentors

One of the first pillars of the SCUP program is the mentoring of projects by personalities renowned in their field of activity who provide advice and recommendations to support their development and activities. The 2022-2023 mentors are as follows:

Javier CIURLIZZA: Regional Director for the Andean Region | Ford Foundation

Mark GRAY: Head of Political Strategy & Communication team, Directorate-General for International Partnerships | European Commission

Jean-Marie GUÉHENNO: Trustee at the Carnegie Corporation, Senior Fellow | Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs and Member of the UNSG High Level Panel on Mediation

Martha GUTIERREZ: Director of Division – Global Policy, Governance, Cities | Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Fabienne HARA: Deputy Director General | Paris Peace Forum

Hilde HARDEMAN: Director General, European Commission | Publications Office of the European Union

Hans Peter LANKES: Managing Director and Deputy Chief Executive | ODI

Stefano MANSERVISI: Former Director General (DG DEVCO) and Special Advisor to the President of the Paris Peace Forum

Pauliina MURPHY: Engagement Director | World Benchmarking Alliance

Delphine O: Ambassador-at-large and Secretary General for the Generation Equality Forum (Beijing+25)

Lucy PARKER: Senior partner | Brunswick

Xavier PAVARD: Policy Officer, Directorate-General for International Partnerships | European Commission

Meredith PRESTON MCGHIE: Secretary General | Global Centre for Pluralism

Gabriela RAMOS: Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences | UNESCO

Olivier RAY: Director for mobilization, movement and partnerships | ICRC

Magda ROBALO: President | Institute for Global Health and Development

Katie SIERKS: Carbon Removal Senior Program Manager | Microsoft

Alexandre STUTZMANN: Director for parliamentary relations with the UN | European Union Delegation to the United Nations

## Annex 2 - Description of the ten 2023-2024 SCUP projects

The Paris Peace Forum has chosen 10 new projects among the more than 50 selected this year to receive tailored support for one year. Please find a brief description of these 10 projects below.

Agriculture Collectives of Marginalized Women | International Water Management Institute | Implemented internationally

This project addresses land inequality and limited access to resources for rural women in parts of India and Nepal through the improvement of their skills, knowledge, and bargaining power in agricultural production.

An Inclusive Approach to the Space Economy | Caelus Foundation | Implemented in Africa

This project aims to support non-spacefaring and early-stage spacefaring nations by promoting economic development and addressing sovereign needs through inclusive growth using space.

Connecting the Global South with AST-GS1 | Astralintu Space Technologies | Implemented accross South America

Astralintu's AST-GS1, operational since May 2023, is a key part of the Equatorial Ground Station Network, enhancing communication for research and education. It supports Sustainable Development Goals, bringing space capabilities to emerging countries.

DALIL | Siren Analytics | Implemented internationally

DALIL is an AI-powered e-platform that streamlines fact-checking, enabling cross-platform publishing and identifying trending topics which aims to fill the gap in Arabic content moderation tools.

Journalisme pour les droits humains | Aide Humanitaire Et Journalisme | Implemented internationally

This project promotes peace and stability by empowering women journalists and activists through education, protection, and networking. Conducted in collaboration with organizations and ministries, it directly involves women from conflict zones or in forced exile.

<u>Justice for Victims in Ukraine</u> | The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC) | *Implemented in Europe* 

The project aims to implement transitional justice, combat impunity, and preserve historical memory by collecting and analyzing evidence of violations of international criminal and human rights laws.

Knockout: do not give up | Red Viral | Implemented internationally

The project aims to facilitate social reintegration of inmates using boxing, emotional care, and life skills training. The program, implemented in prisons of Mexico and Argentina, has shown enduring success in reducing antisocial behavior.

Leveraging Data for Human-Centered Policies | Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (Giz) Gmbh | Implemented internationally

The aim of our Data to Policy Navigator tool is to support policymakers worldwide in using data to make evidence-informed decisions, tackle inequalities, and accelerate the implementation of SDGs through step-by-step guidance.

<u>Safeguarding Gene Synthesis</u> | International Biosecurity and Biosafety Initiative For Science (IBBIS) | *Implemented internationally* 

The Common Mechanism project addresses gene synthesis challenges by establishing a secure system for screening orders. It strives to enhance affordability and sustainability for existing companies and facilitate new entrants in a secure synthesis market.

Using open data to combat corruption | Open Data Charter | Implemented internationally

The initiative seeks to fight corruption and increase transparency and accountability in public sectors through collaboration with governments and organizations to develop practical tools, such as the Anticorruption Open Up Guide.

## Annex 3 – Personalities confirmed at the 6th edition

## Heads of state and government (22 – alphabetical order of the country)

- 1. Albania, Edi Rama, Prime Minister
- Andorra, Xavier Espot Zamora, Head of government
- 3. Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister
- 4. Barbados, Mia Mottley, Prime Minister
- 5. Belgium, Alexander De Croo Prime Minister
- Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denis Becirovic, Zeljko Komsic, Zeljka Cvijanovic, Members of the Presidency)
- 7. Estonia, Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister
- 8. France, Emmanuel Macron, President
- Georgia, Salome Zourabichvili, President & Irakli Garibachvili, Prime Minister
- 10. Ghana, Nana Akufo-Addo, President
- 11. Kosovo, Albin Kurti, Prime Minister
- **12. Libya,** Mohamed Al-Menfi, Chairman of the Presidential Council
- 13. Montenegro, Jakov Milatović, President
- **14. North Macedonia,** Dimitar Kovačevski, Prime Minister
- 15. Senegal, Macky Sall, President
- 16. Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić, President
- 17. Slovenia, Robert Golob, Prime Minister
- 18. Switzerland, Alain Berset, President
- **19. Ukraine,** Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President (*video intervention*)

## Members of international or regional organization (20 – alphabetical order of the organization)

- 1. **Jin Liqun,** President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- **2. Odile Renaud-Basso**, President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- 3. Charles Michel, President, European Council
- 4. Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Union
- Jim Skea, Chairperson, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- **6. Maria Fernanda Garza,** Chairwoman, International Chamber of Commerce

- Karim Asad Ahmad Khan, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- **8. Kristalina Georgieva,** Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
- 9. Craig Jones, Director of Cybercrime, Interpol
- 10. Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union
- 11. Mathias Cormann, Secretary General, OECD
- **12. Antonio Guterres**, Secretary-General, United Nations (*video intervention*)
- **13. Guy Ryder,** Under-Secretary-General for Policy, United Nations
- **14. Pedro Manuel Moreno,** Deputy Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- 15. Xing Qu, Deputy Director General, UNESCO
- **16. Robin Geiss,** Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- 17. Gerd Müller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- **18. Aarti Holla-Maini,** Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- 19. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director for Programme and Policy Development, World Food Program
- 20. Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organisation

## Ministers and other representatives of government (37 – alphabetical order of the country)

- 1. Angola, Dalva Ringote Allen, Minister of State for Social Area
- 2. Australia, Tim Watts, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **3. Barbados,** Kerrie Symmonds, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- **4. Brazil,** Celso Amorim, Chief Advisor of the Office of the Special Advisor to the President
- 5. Cameroon, Lejeune Mbella Mbella, Minister for External Relations
- **6.** Canada, Ahmed Hussen, Minister of International Development
- Colombia, Alvaro Leyva Duran, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 8. Comoros, Mzé Abdou Mohamed Chanfiou, Minister of Finances
- Croatia, Nina Obuljen Koržinek, Minister of Culture and Medias
- **10.** Cyprus, Anna Koukkides-Prokopiou, Minister of Justice and Public Order
- **11. Czech Republic,** Eduard Hulicius, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **12. Estonia,** Signe Riisalo, Minister of Social Protection
- 13. France, Jean-Noël Barrot, Minister Delegate for the Digital Transformation and Telecommunications
- **14. France,** Catherine Colonna, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs
- **15. France,** Bruno Le Maire, Minister of Economy, Finances, Industrial and Digital Sovereignty
- **16. France,** Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister of the Ecological Transition
- 17. France, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Secretary of State for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships
- **18. Georgia,** Ilia Darchiashvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **19. Ghana,** Ursula Gifty Owusu-Ekuful, Minister of Communication
- **20. Ghana,** Kojo Oppong Nkrumah, Minister of Information
- **21. Greece,** Kostis Hatzidakis, Minister for National Economy and Finance
- **22. Italy,** Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

- **23.** Kosovo, Donika Gërvalla Schwarz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs
- 24. Malta, Owen Bonnici, Minister for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government
- **25. Moldova,** Nicu Popescu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **26. Monaco,** Isabelle Berro Amadei, Minister for External Relations and Cooperation
- **27. Morocco,** André Azoulay, Advisor to His Majesty King Mohammed VI
- 28. Netherlands, Alexandra Van Huffelen, Minister of State for Digitalisation
- **29. New Zealand,** Jacinda Ardern, Former Prime Minister and Special Envoy for the Christchurch Call
- **30. Senegal,** Oumar Youm, Minister of Armed Forces
- **31. South Korea,** Jin Park, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **32. Tajikistan,** Sirojiddin Muhriddin, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **33. Uganda,** Okello Henry Oryem, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
- **34. United Arab Emirates,** Noura Al-Kaabi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
- **35. Uruguay,** Ana Ribeiro, Vice-Minister of Education and Culture
- 36. Zimbabwe, Amon Murwira, Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development

## Members of parliament (15 – alphabetical order of the country)

- Cameroon, Peter Ambang Njume, Member of the Committee on Education, Assemblée Nationale
- Canada, Ali Ehsassi, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, House of Commons
- Chile, Tomás de Rementería Venegas, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Cámara de Diputadas y Diputados
- 4. China, Ding Zhongli, Vice-President of the Standing Committee, National People's Congress
- 5. Egypt, Amira Saber Qandil, Maglis El Nowwab

- 6. European Union, Nathalie Loiseau, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, European Parliament
- 7. **Germany,** Nobert Röttgen, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, German Bundestag
- France, Éléonore Caroit, Vice-President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Assemblée Nationale
- 9. France, Karim Ben Cheïkh, Member of the Committee on Finances, Assemblée Nationale
- 10. **France,** Hadrien Ghomi, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Assemblée Nationale
- 11. France, Phillipe Pradal, Member of the Committee on Constitutional Law, Legislation and the General Administration of the Republic, Assemblée Nationale
- 12. **India,** Shri S. Niranjan Reddy, Member of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha
- 13. **Israel,** Merav Michaeli, Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Knesset
- 14. **Phillipines,** Maria Rachel J. Arenas, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, House of Representatives
- 15. **Uzbékistan**, Sodiq Safoyev, First Deputy Chairperson, Senate of the Oliy Majlis

### Other prominent personalities – a selection

- 1. Prince Rahim Aga Khan, Aga Khan Development Network
- **2. Sigrid van Aken,** Chief Executive Officer, Postcode Lottery Group
- 3. Ralph Amoussou, Actor and Activist
- **4. Zeinab Badawi,** President, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- Luc Barruet, Director and Founder, Solidarité Sida
- **6. Henri de Bokay,** Chief Executive Officer, ARB Investment Partners GmbH
- 7. Nazanin Boniadi, Actress and Ambassador, Amnesty International
- **8. Pascal Boniface,** Director, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques
- 9. Ian Bremmer, President, Eurasia Group
- **10. Sylve Briand,** Director, Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Prevention, WHO

- 11. Gabriela Bucher, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fund for Global Human Rights
- **12. Agnès Buzyn,** Executive Director, WHO Academy
- 13. João Samuel Caholo, Executive Secretary, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region
- **14. Agnès Callamard,** Secretary General, Amnesty International
- 15. Jean-Pierre Clamadieu, President, Engie
- 16. Chen Qiufan (Stanley Chan), Novelist
- 17. Elisabeth Claverie de Saint-Martin, Chief Executive Officer, CIRAD
- **18. Nighat Dad**, Executive Director, Digital Rights Foundation
- **19. Vilas Dhar,** President and Trustee, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation
- **20. Mark Dankberg**, Chief Executive Officer, Viasat
- **21. Christophe Deloire,** Secretary General, Reporters Without Borders
- **22. Anne-Marie Descôtes,** Secrétaire Générale, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **23. Rohitesh Dhawan**, Chief Executive Officer, International Council on Mining and Metals
- 24. Cosmin Dobran, Director for Peace, Partnerships and Crisis Management, European External Action Service
- 25. Eileen Donahoe, Special Envoy and Coordinator for Digital Freedom, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, U.S. Department of State
- **26. Michel Duclos,** Special Advisor, Institut Montaigne
- **27. Comfort Ero,** President and Chief Executive Officer, International Crisis Group
- 28. Tony Estanguet, President, Paris 2024
- **29. Pascal Faucher,** Chair, European Union Space Surveillance and Tracking
- **30. Marta** Fernandez, Director, BRICS Policy Center
- **31. Gabriel Ferrero,** Chair of the Committee, UN Food Security
- **32. Fu Ying, Chairperson,** Chairperson, Center for International Security and Strategy
- **33. Detlev Ganten,** Founder, World Health Summit
- **34. Dame Jane Goodall,** Founder, The Jane Goodall Institute (*video intervention*)

- 35. Hilde Hardeman, Director General, EU's Publication Office
- **36. Ahmad M. Hasnah**, President, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- 37. Marlène Harnois, Athlete and Activist
- 38. Anne Hidalgo, Mayor, City of Paris
- **39. Maxime Jambon,** Vice-Président pour les Affaires Publiques, Exotrail
- **40. John Janka,** Vice-President for Global Policy, Viasat
- **41. Ivan Krastev,** Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies (Sofia)
- **42. Nishant Lalwani,** Chief Executive Officer, International Fund for Public Interest Media
- **43. Karel Lannoo,** Chief Executive Officer, Centre for European Policy Studies
- **44. Nancy Lindborg,** President and Chief Executive Officer, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- **45. Yann Le Cun,** Vice-President and Chief AI Scientist, Meta
- **46. Vanina Laurent-Ledru,** Executive Director, Sanofi Foundation
- **47. Miao Lu,** Co-Founder and Secretary-General, Center for China and Globalization
- **48. Romain Lucken,** Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Share My Space
- **49. Agnieszka Lukaszczyk,** Vice President of Government Affairs, Planet
- **50. Jean-Luc Maria,** Directeur général et Cofondateur, Exotrail
- 51. Oleksandra Matviichuk, Nobel Peace Prize 2022
- **52. Delphine** O, Ambassador-at-large and Secretary General for the Generation Equality
- 53. Dino Patti Djalal, Founder and President, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia
- 54. Alan Parker, Chairman, Brunswick Group
- 55. Eric Pelofsky, Vice President & Senior Advisor to the President, The Rockefeller Foundation
- 56. Natalie Portman, Actress and Activist
- **57. Meredith Preston McGhie,** Secretary General, Global Center for Pluralism
- **58. Hina Rabbani Khar,** Former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
- **59. Gabriela Ramos,** Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- **60. Thomas Reiter,** Former European Astronaut, Association of Space Explorers (ASE)
- 61. Maria Ressa, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021

- **62. Rémy Rioux,** Director General, Agence Française de Développement
- **63. Magda Robalo,** Former Minister of Health, Guinea Bissau
- **64. Antoine Rostand,** President and Chief Executive Officer, Kayrros
- **65. Ghassan Salamé,** Professor Emeritus of International Relations, Sciences Po Paris
  - **66. Mary Schapiro**, Vice Chair for Public Policy and Special Advisor to the Founder and Chairman, Bloomberg
- 67. Trisha Shetty, Founder, SheSays
- **68. Brad Smith,** President and Vice-Chairman, Microsoft
- **69. Alexander Soros,** Chair, Open Society Foundations
- **70. Brad Staples,** Chief Executive Officer, APCO Worldwide
- 71. Carsten Staur, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee, OECD
- **72. Mostafa Terrab,** President Director General, OCP
- 73. Nicolas Théry, President, Crédit Mutuel Alliance Fédérale
- **74. Mark John Thompson,** Co-Chairman, International Fund for Public Interest Media
- **75. Eloise Todd,** Co-Founder, Pandemic Action Network
- 76. Laurence Tubiana, Director General, European Climate Foundation
- 77. Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Director for France, ONE Campaign
- **78. Peter Wagner,** Director and Head of Service, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission
- 79. Sarah Wayne Callies, Goodwill Ambassador, International Rescue Committee
- **80. Anna Winger,** Novelist, Producer and Screenwriter
- **81. Henry Wang,** Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization
- **82. Neal Wolin,** Chief Executive Officer, Brunswick Group
- 83. Igor Yurgens, Chairman of the Management Board, Institute for Contemporary Development
- **84. Xing Zhong**, Vice President, Chang Guang Satellite