

The Forum's guide to the AI Action Summit



February 10-11th, 2025



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ABOUT...

The Paris Peace Forum



The Paris Peace Forum, launched in 2018 to commemorate the end of World War I, tackles global challenges like climate change, inequality, and security by fostering innovative collective action. Bridging gaps in global governance, it brings together states, international organizations, NGOs, academics, and private sector leaders from North and South to build sustainable peace. Its policy initiatives focus on critical areas such as climate action, transition minerals, agriculture, nutrition, AI, and cybersecurity, addressing the most pressing global issues. Each November, its annual gathering showcases solutions, while year-round, it supports ten standout governance projects with tailored guidance to amplify their impact.

The AI Action Summit



The AI Action Summit is a major international event focused on artificial intelligence. Hosted by France in partnership with India, the summit aims to bring together heads of state, government officials, international organizations, companies, researchers, NGOs, artists, and other members of civil society from around the world to address the challenges and opportunities presented by AI.

The summit will focus on five strategic themes: Public Service AI, Future of Work, Innovation and Culture, Trust in AI, and Global Governance of AI. Its primary objectives are to establish scientific foundations for AI development, create solutions for AI implementation, and set standards for responsible AI use. The event seeks to launch concrete initiatives that put AI at the service of the common good, with particular attention to the needs of partners from the Global South. Additionally, the summit aims to foster international dialogue on AI governance and promote an inclusive approach to shaping the future of AI-driven societies.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR GENERAL



Dear Colleagues,

As artificial intelligence rapidly reshapes our world, the need for inclusive, ethical, and globally coordinated governance has never been more urgent. The AI Action Summit, taking place in Paris on February 10–11, 2025, brings together leaders from government, business, academia, and civil society to address AI's most pressing challenges—including inequality, misinformation, and the digital divide. The Paris Peace Forum is proud to play a key role as a multi-stakeholder coordinator, ensuring that diverse perspectives—particularly from the Global South—help shape the future of AI governance.

A highlight of our contribution is the selection of 50 groundbreaking AI projects, chosen from 770 submissions across 111 countries. These initiatives, spanning sectors such as education, health, and climate action, demonstrate AI's potential to drive positive global change. Showcased at the Grand Palais, they reflect the creativity and commitment of innovators worldwide in harnessing AI for the common good.

Beyond these innovations, the Paris Peace Forum is convening high-impact discussions on critical AI issues, from its implications for children's development to its role in shaping Africa's digital future and mitigating cyber risks. These sessions, alongside exclusive networking opportunities such as our welcome reception on February 9, provide a platform for meaningful exchange and collaboration.

This guide will help you navigate the Summit, explore key sessions, and engage with the transformative ideas shaping AI's future. I look forward to your participation as we work together to ensure that AI serves all of humanity—fairly, ethically, and inclusively.

Justin Vaïsse

Director General and Founder, Paris Peace Forum

PARIS PEACE FORUM & BCG'S

Cockt.ai.l Reception



February 9th



COCKT.AI.L RECEPTION

Cocktail

On the eve of the AI Action Summit, the Paris Peace Forum, together with the Boston Consulting Group, will host a cocktail reception to welcome participants and celebrate international cooperation on AI.

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening of conversation, connection and fun as we gather in the prestigious Hôtel Le Marois, steps away from the Grand Palais, to celebrate the innovative efforts shaping the future of artificial intelligence.



Where and When?



Hôtel Le Marois, 9-11 avenue Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 75008 Paris From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

THE FORUM'S SESSIONS

at the AI Action Summit

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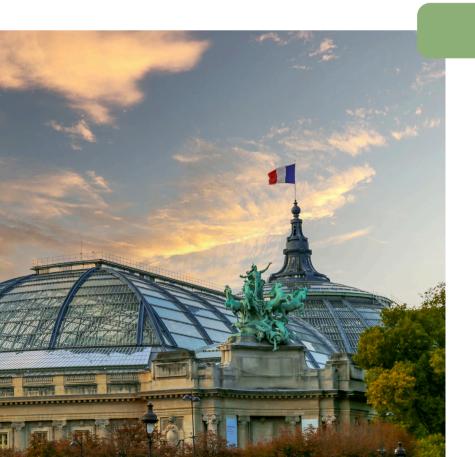


CLOSED-DOOR DISCUSSION ON AI CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

February 10th

Rountable

Building on the discussions held at the 7th edition of the Paris Peace Forum (PPF) on November 12, 2024, this closed-door session will delve deeper into the challenges and opportunities of AI development in Africa. Bringing together key stakeholders, the conversation will focus on infrastructure, governance, and innovation, while also addressing strategic collaborations to support the continent's AI ecosystem. Hosted by the World Economic Forum, the PPF, and the French-African Foundation, this dialogue aims to ensure continuity and actionable progress in shaping Africa's AI future.



Where and When?



At the Rotonde room of the Grand Palais From 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.



AI & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

February 10th, 1:00 p.m.

Call to action

Launching a Multi-Stakeholder Coalition for Beneficial AI in Childhood Development

AI is rapidly reshaping our world and how we interact with our environment. For children, however, those changes present unique challenges, as their brains are still developing. From birth to around 25 years of age, the brain experiences sensitive periods when learning is at its peak for specific skills, making it exceptionally adaptable but also leaving it particularly vulnerable in inadequately stimulating environments. AI holds significant potential in this context—it can either enhance development, notably through educational tools, or hinder it by reshaping the experiences that influence how children engage with the world and those around them.

To ensure AI supports rather than disrupts development, we must integrate deep human insight with technical innovation. AI can foster cognitive and socio-emotional growth, but only when it is designed with a deep understanding of human functioning. Unlocking its potential while minimizing harm requires building transdisciplinary collaborations across all stakeholders—including governments, international organizations, tech companies, investors, researchers, civil society representatives - NGOs, educators, families —to ensure the development, deployment and adoption of beneficial AI for children.

Everyone.ai and the Paris Peace Forum are co-launching a multistakeholder international coalition at the Paris AI Action Summit. This coalition is guided by core principles designed to inform the development, implementation, and use of AI systems, promoting children's safety and prioritizing their best interests. This includes advocating for AI that is ethical, equitable, inclusive, fair, and transparent, while also encouraging age-appropriate, family-inclusive design. The coalition's primary goal is to deepen our collective understanding of AI's benefits and risks and to collaboratively develop guidelines that will shape AI's integration into children's lives in a way that safeguards and supports their development. By building a robust, evidence-based framework through a global network of experts, we can establish shared guidelines that promote scientific rigor and ethical integrity.

Additionally, the coalition will foster transdisciplinary international collaborations and advocate for AI literacy and education, equipping all stakeholders with the knowledge needed to navigate and shape AI responsibly for the next generation.



everyone.Al Founding Team G. Renard, Dr. M. Cerioli, A.-S. Seret & C. Malvoisin







CHARTING THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE OF THE AI-CYBER NEXUS

February 11th

Side Event

As AI continues to drive technological innovation, it also amplifies the risks of its misuse, including in cyberattacks, information manipulation and weaponization incritical dual-use sectors. While a scientific consensus is forming around the primary categories of AI security risks, international cooperation to prevent and address severe risks still in its embryonic stage. This nascent phase of global engagement raises concerns that new governance efforts may evolve in a fragmented and counterproductive manner.

Among the domains identified as being at risk from the malicious use of AI, cybersecurity stands out as one of the most extensively studied over the past years. Several industry-led initiatives aim to decisively tip the balance in favour of defenders over attackers, as the issue gains prominence in multilateral fora. The "AI-Cyber Nexus" presents new technical and political challenges but also offers a unique opportunity to advance the global governance of AI risks. Since this intersection does not occur in isolation, drawing on the connections, achievements and shortcomings of the last two decades of cyber policy will be crucial in shaping a clear agenda and developing effective mechanisms to combat AI misuse on an international scale.

On the sidelines of the AI Action Summit, the Paris Peace Forum will convene key industry and public sector representatives alongside experts in cyber policy and AI governance from international organizations and civil society. The goal is to take stock of current initiatives addressing AI-driven cyber risks across various levels of action and explore ways to mainstream such endeavors. This roundtable will also showcase the preliminary findings of the Paris Call for Trust and Security's Strategic Foresight Hub, focusing on integrating cybersecurity expertise into AI safety governance. The event's outcomes will contribute to the multistakeholder initiatives led by the Paris Peace Forum to explore effective approaches for international cooperation to address the significant risks of AI misuse.



Where and When?



Hôtel de la Marine, 4 Rue Royale, 75008 Paris, From 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



CLOSED-DOORS MEETING OF THE SMART AFRICA MINISTERIAL NETWORK

February 11th

Side Event

Smart Africa is a pan-African initiative launched by African Heads of State to drive socio-economic development through digital transformation. Originating from the 2013 Transform Africa Summit, where seven countries adopted the Smart Africa Manifesto, the initiative was later endorsed by the African Union in 2014, expanding its reach across the continent. Today, the Smart Africa Alliance unites 40 countries, representing over 1 billion people, with a shared commitment to advancing ICT access, broadband connectivity, and Africa's transition to a knowledge economy.

This ministerial meeting held on the margins of the AI Action Summit will be co-organized with the Paris Peace Forum.

Where and When?



Hôtel de la Marine, 4 Rue Royale, 75008 Paris From 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.



AI FOR DEVELOPMENT: SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE FUTURE

AFD event in partnership with the Paris Peace Forum

February 11th

Side Event

This event is focusing on how artificial intelligence can support sustainable and inclusive development. It will showcase innovative AI solutions in key sectors such as education, health, agriculture, and social inclusion, while also addressing critical issues like digital sovereignty and AI ethics in developing countries.

Featuring presentations from pioneering startups and organizations, as well as a high-level panel discussion, the event will explore Al's potential to drive positive change and foster international collaboration in emerging economies.



Where and When?





FIGHTING FAKE NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA: A KEY CHALLENGE FOR AFRICA?

February 11th

Dinner

On the second day of the Paris AI Summit, the PPF and the French-African Foundation are hosting an exclusive, invitation-only high-level dinner to address the urgent challenge of disinformation in Africa.

This unique gathering will bring together government leaders and policymakers, media executives, tech entrepreneurs and key stakeholders to explore the impact of fake news on African societies. Through thought-provoking discussions, we aim to address key questions.

- * How significant is the impact of fake news on African societies?
- * Can Al and technology offer effective solutions to this challenge?
- * How can governments, media, tech companies, and civil society collaborate to combat disinformation efficiently?

An evening dedicated to fostering dialogue, sharing insights, and building solutions.



Where and When?



Cercle de l'Union Interalliée
3 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré
75008 Paris
From 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Business attire
Chatham House rules

50 INNOVATIVE AI PROJECTS

Showcased at the Grand Palais



February 10th & 11th



50 INNOVATIVE AI PROJECTS

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Call for Solution

Following our Call for AI Projects – which received an impressive <u>770</u> submissions from <u>111</u> countries –, an international selection commitee reviewed all submissions and selected the top <u>50 projects</u> (cf Appendix p.X).

The 50 selected projects will be showcased in the Grand Palais during the <u>AI</u> <u>Action Summit</u> in Paris on February 10-11, 2025.

These projects originate from all continents, covering topics as diverse as helping the blind and visually impaired, combating digital violence, cervical cancer screening, combating hate speech, or labor law.



AI AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

18 projects





INFORMATION, SECURITY AND SAFETY

13 projects



WORK AND WELL-BEING

3 projects



GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, RESPONSIBILITY AND CRISIS RESPONSE

14 projects



CULTURE

2 projects

APPENDIX

AI Action Summit Program and Projects details



AI ACTION SUMMIT

Program - February 10th



PROGRAMME DU SOMMET

Sommet pour l'action sur l'IA - 10 Février 2025 - Paris

Des tables-rondes de haut niveau se tiendront autour des thématiques suivantes : Sur la route du Sommet de Kigali, l'1A au service de la croissance inclusive et de la compétitivité de l'Afrique, l'1A démocratique en action, la chaîne d'approvisionnement des puces pour l'1A, l'investissement dans l'1A open-source et la construction d'un continent de l'1A, les usines à IA et les champions européens de l'1A. Les conversations mêleront systématiquement des représentants de gouvernements, d'entreprises et de la société civile.

MAIN STAGE AUDITORIUM

ATELIERS

NEF

50 SELECTED AI PROJECTS Detailed by category

- AI & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- TRUST IN DEMOCRACY, INFORMATION, SECURITY AND SAFETY
- GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, RESPONSIBILITY
 AND CRISIS RESPONSE
- WORK & WELL-BEING
- CULTURE



to healthcare.

Extracting carbon from landfill

AI & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Tech4Nature Mexico C Minds Mexico The Tech4Nature Mexico project uses artificial intelligence systems and cutting-edge technologies to monitor and protect key species such as jaguars, while strengthening climate resilience and biodiversity in the Yucatán peninsula. OcéanIA: AI, the Ocean, and Inria Chile Colombia **Climate Change** OceanIA is a pioneering project that aims to unravel the complexities of the global ocean symbiome using cutting-edge artificial intelligence and mathematical modeling. **AI Energy Star Ratings** Hugging Face United States This initiative encourages the AI community - developers, companies and users - to prioritize environmental responsibility when developing and deploying AI systems. Satellites4Humanity Antarikchya Pratisthan Nepal Satellites4Humanity uses AI and space data to provide fast, accurate climate information via the web. Mapping the World's Forests with Al World Resources Institute **United States** WRI and Meta have developed an AI model to create the world's first tree height map at one-meter resolution. **Enfarm smart soil sensing** Vietnam Enfarm Agritech **technology** Enfarm's goal is to help 3 million farms in the Southeast Asian region produce more food with less fertilizer, and reduce agriculture's carbon footprint by at least 20%. Red Latinoamericana de Defensoras **#LeyOlimpI.A. - AI Digital Defender** Mexico Digitales A.C. in collaboration with AuraChat.Ai We've created a multilingual conversational AI platform to support victims of digital violence. **Care for Rare Conditions (Diseases)** Ghana RAII

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The project uses AI to convert landfill carbon into super-capacitors, promoting sustainable storage of renewable energy.

The project aims to help more than 50 million Africans, mainly children, affected by rare diseases and with limited access

University of Nairobi

Kenya



in sub-Saharan Africa.

Project Guacamaya Microsoft United States The Guacamaya project uses AI and cloud technology to monitor deforestation and protect biodiversity in the Amazon. Audere Africa **AI HIVE: Self Care from Anywhere** (South Africa The project offers a trusted AI assistant to accompany young girls and women on their health journey. **CervicAld: Cervical Cancer Al United States** MednTech **Screening Aid** CervicAld aims to improve women's health in Africa by supporting the eradication of cervical cancer and empowering communities. <u>AymurAl</u> DataGénero Agentina AymurAI is an AI tool designed to anonymize and open up judicial data, with a focus on gender-based violence, in order to enhance transparency and accountability. Vinsighte Limited Nigeria Visis Vinsighte has designed an AI-based assistive reading technology known as Visis, which helps blind people read books and identify scenes and colors independently. **NEOMIA Protection de fonds marin** SaH Analytics International (**Q**) Ivory Coast et zones sensibles NEOMIA offers an AI-based collaborative platform for protection and surveillance through satellite image analysis, dedicated to the fight against illegal fishing, terrorism and the preservation of biodiversity. **MAHAAM AI FOR** MAHAAM Morocco **DECARBONIZATION** MAHAAM is an artificial intelligence-based solution designed to support industries in their digital and sustainable transformation. GAIA La Ferme Digitale France This project aims to create an open source collaborative tool to generate AI agents specialized in agriculture, making this technology accessible to all. Zimbabwe **Scripted Lesson Planner** 3 UNESCO

Scripted Lesson Planner (SLP) is an AI-powered assistant that simplifies lesson planning for teachers

Lebanon

Switzerland

(**Q**) France

(Netherlands

Dalil

Contrer la désinformation avec l'IA

Projet Spinoza

Factstream Al

media.



TRUST IN DEMOCRACY, INFORMATION, SECURITY AND SAFETY

Dalil is an AI-powered media monitoring and analysis suite that helps users navigate through the information clutter.

Siren Analystics

La Fondation Hirondelle

Our project uses AI to combat hate speech in eastern DRC, by monitoring community radio stations and broadcasting content to neutralize detected violent speech. **Phoenix: Social Media Tool for** Build Up, datavaluepeople Kenya **Peacebuilders** Project Phoenix is an open-source platform that supports peacemakers and mediators by ethically monitoring social media actors and content, without requiring technical skills. Fundación de Ayuda por (Ecuador **ComprasGPT** Internet The ComprasGPT project aims to simplify decision-making in public procurement in Ecuador, helping civil servants and companies to navigate complex and changing regulations. **ARIJ AI Speaks Arabic ARIJ** Jordan This project, initiated in-house, explores the integration of AI into journalism, raising awareness among the team, identifying challenges to be solved and developing a strategy and code of ethics for AI. The AI Risk Repository MIT FutureTech / MIT United States The project aims to help decision-makers in government, research and industry understand and prioritize the risks associated with AI, and collaborate to address them. **Hura: Decentralized Train LLM** Secure Intelligent an AI Startup (Bangladesh Hura is a decentralized language model using blockchain to offer secure, transparent and private AI solutions, democratizing access to AI for social use without the risks of centralized control or privacy issues.

FactStream AI uses AI to simplify and translate complex legal texts, providing refugees, newcomers and expatriates with clear information about their rights and obligations.

The aim of the Spinoza project is to develop a collaborative generative AI tool by bringing together journalists and the

RSF / l'Alliance

Coders Beyond Borders



AI-Driven Pluralism



Magic LEMP et Pluralism.fr



(France

Pluralism, a Magic LEMP initiative, uses AI to analyze the speeches of political figures on TV, radio and social networks in real time, offering summaries and analyses of over 3,000 public figures.

DIVERSIFAIR: Shaping Education for Fairer Al



DIVERSIFAIR Consortium



DIVERSIFAIR trains and raises awareness of intersectional bias in AI by combining two approaches: Equality4Tech for auditing bias and Tech4Equality for preventing it.

<u>Yodi</u>



Umbaji



Yodi is a community project that fights the digital divide by providing new artificial intelligence tools for communication and business in local languages in Togo and West Africa.

Transforming citizen service with AI



AI71



(Q) United Arab Emirates

We're building conversational AI assistants that can facilitate access to public information, provide round-the-clock empathetic assistance and strengthen ties between governments and citizens.

GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, RESPONSIBILITY AND CRISIS RESPONSE

A Technical Solution for Algo-**Transparency**



OpenMined



(United States

The Algorithmic Outcomes Initiative is part of the Call and specifically aims to better understand the role of algorithms in radicalization, and to develop effective interventions and technical solutions to limit radicalization.

GANNET - AI Humanitarian Situational Analysis



Data Friendly Space



(United States

GANNET is an AI-powered platform that revolutionizes humanitarian crisis response. It analyzes data in real time from trusted sources, providing actionable insights for aid workers and analysts.

MENA Observatory on Responsible AI



A2KD - AUC School of Business (Egypt



The MENA Observatory is a regional AI research center that influences policy, networks with various stakeholders and applies its knowledge through different formats.

Stratégie Nationale IA du Sénégal



Expertise France



(**Q**) France

We are supporting Senegal in implementing its National AI Strategy to boost socio-economic development and enhance the employability of young people.



Data Insights for Social and Humanitarian Act



UN Global Pulse, UN Secretary General's Innovation Lab



(Thailand

DISHA brings together data and technology providers, funders and humanitarian organizations to co-create AI solutions for disaster response and implement them on a large scale in the humanitarian system.

Safeguarding Child Development in the AI Era



everyone.Al



(United States

Everyone. Al's mission is to educate about the opportunities and risks of Al for children and teenagers, protecting their cognitive and emotional development through research and expertise.

Asia Pacific AI Governance Accelerator



FPTPEC, ECC, USPECC, PERUPEC, KOPEC, SINCPEC, PECC



The Asia Pacific Al Governance Accelerator (APAIGA) coordinates the region's efforts to strengthen Al governance expertise and promote a dialogue on generative AI, based on shared principles of prudence and responsibility.

Strategic Insights Tool for Rough Sleeping



Faculty AI



The Strategic Insights Tool for Rough Sleeping (SITRS) provides an overview of developments among homeless people in London, enabling targeted interventions. It draws on a range of data sources to show and identify different strategies.

Text Processing for Mine Action



The Carter Center



(United States

The Carter Center and Microsoft AI for Good have developed a GPT model to analyze conflicting events, providing reliable information and reducing manual data classification.

Empatia 2: Data for Al Governance



Iniciativa Latinoamericana por los Datos Abiertos, ILDA



(•) Uruguay

Following EmpatIA, which revealed the lack of progress in AI regulation in Latin America, ILDA developed a pilot advocacy model to involve the region's organizations in global decision-making processes on AI regulation.

AI Standards Hub



The Alan Touring Institute



(United Kingdom

This project enables stakeholders to connect, track and influence the evolution of international AI standards through an interactive online database.

Mozilla Common Voice



Mozilla Foundation



(United States

Mozilla Common Voice provides global communities with the open infrastructure they need to create diverse, multilingual speech and text datasets in the public interest.

Harnessing AI and maps for disaster response



Humanitarian OpenStreetMap



(United States

Our Al-assisted mapping solution (fAIr) enables communities to create a customized mapping model that accelerates the production of accurate local maps. Our solution is open source and trained by community members to meet their specific needs in order to minimize bias.

InstaGeo: Early Warning for Locust Disasters



InstaDeep

(United Kingdom

This project presents InstaGeo, the first operational model to predict locust breeding areas using readily available data from the Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 satellites.



WORK AND WELL-BEING

African language fund for Al

Masakhane

(South Africa

We propose to create a fund for linguistic AI in Africa, aimed at solving the challenges associated with data, models and use cases, in order to catch up with the continent's lag in this field.

Africa Tech Workers Rising, Kenya

Uni Global Union

Switzerland

Africa Tech Workers Rising, Kenya, aims to organize and empower content moderators and data enrichment workers to improve their working conditions, pay, safety and respect.

Phantom

IFTECH

Cameroon

Phantom is an innovative safety application developed by iftech, designed to enhance safety in factories and industrial areas.

CULTURE

AI-Powered Museum Experience for All



Ask Mona et le Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec



(Q) Canada

The MNBAQ project uses artificial intelligence to offer an immersive museum experience accessible to all.

Valorisation Propriété Intellectuelle en IA



Confiance IA, consortium industriel d'innovation en intelligence artificielle de Confiance



(Canada

Confiance IA, consortium industriel d'innovation en intelligence artificielle de Confiance



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