



2025 CALL FOR SOLUTIONS

Rules & Regulations

On 22 April 2025, the Paris Peace Forum will launch its annual Call for Solutions in the run-up to its eighth edition, which will be held in Paris on 29-30 October 2025.

The submission deadline is **23:59 PM CET on 1 June 2025**.

ARTICLE 1 – BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

History has proven time and again that international cooperation is key to overcoming global challenges and ensuring lasting peace. This is why, since 2018, the Paris Peace Forum has operated as a platform that brings together global stakeholders - political and economic decision-makers, companies, civil society, and leaders from academia, culture, sports, and media - mobilized to foster innovative multi-actor solutions to these global challenges.

In a political context marked by profound disruptions and polarization, the Forum's eighth edition will aim to embody the permanence of international cooperation. The program will focus on seeking "New Coalitions for Peace, People and the Planet", highlighting the need to circumvent the blockages to solutions addressing urgent global issues by exploring new cooperation with countries willing to engage in constructive and positive dynamics. This edition will also be the opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement and give new impetus to future climate action.

The 2025 Call for Solutions therefore invites and puts the spotlight on all the actors that address these pressing issues and are living proof that global cooperation can make a difference. For selected projects, the Forum's Space for Solutions offers an opportunity to showcase their work by speaking on stage, gaining visibility, interacting with a wide range of global governance actors, and potentially growing their initiatives through the Forum's Scale-up Program.

This year, we invite applications on the following themes:

- Harnessing Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Resilience
- Fostering Green Transitions, Access to Energy, and Critical Minerals
- Reinforcing Local Peacebuilding
- Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Cyber Peace and Stability
- Broadening Access to Sustainable Agricultural Practices
- Investing in Children as a Catalyst for Development
- Driving Digital Public Infrastructure and AI Impact for SDGs

ARTICLE 2 – OFFER FOR SELECTED PROJECTS

The selected projects or initiatives will be invited to the Space for Solutions at the Paris Peace Forum and will receive the 2025 Paris Peace Forum label. For leaders of the selected projects, the Forum will be a unique opportunity to:

1. Obtain international visibility and exposure thanks to the physical presence of their project during the event through a dedicated space.
2. Take the floor during the event to speak about their work and share their views on the issue in global governance that they are addressing.
3. Meet and discuss with experts and decision-makers in their domain.
4. Apply to the Forum's [Scale-up Program](#) to receive tailored support and mentorship for one year.

We recommend that candidates review the information available on the [Paris Peace Forum website](#) and learn more about the [560+ projects presented during previous editions](#) before submitting their proposals.

ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applications for this Call for Solutions must **meet all the following seven criteria**, which should be understood to have a **cumulative effect**, before proceeding to be reviewed by the Selection Committee:

- Submitted by an **organization** and not an individual. This condition calls for a broad interpretation to include states or governments, local or regional governments, parliamentary organizations, international organizations, non-profits, private sector organizations, development agencies or development banks, charity organizations, the media, religious organizations, trade unions or professional

organizations, think tanks, universities, and research institutes.

- Led by **at least two people** who confirm their availability to prepare and present the project throughout the entire duration of the Forum in Paris this 29-30 October 2025.
- **Aligned with one of the priority themes** of the eighth edition of the Forum (see above).
- Present a **level of advancement**: at least in the pilot phase with some implementation underway (may be preliminary), not just in the design or start-up phases.
- **Involve a specific, tangible, and distinct** action, which excludes the following: academic research or work in the form of ideas without a plan for implementation; general frameworks or organizational programs rather than specific solutions.
- **Have an international dimension**, or, at least, **for local or national initiatives**, involve actors or resources from other countries and possess potential for credible international action.
- Do not apply with the aim of requesting funding from the Paris Peace Forum. **The Paris Peace Forum does not finance projects** (including projects presented at the event and projects supported as part of the SCUP program).

THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE FOR THE CALL FOR SOLUTIONS:

- Initiatives with no international dimension.
- Academic research or work without specific implementation.
- Initiatives at the earliest stages or which, it seems, cannot be realistically implemented.
- Presenting an overall framework program rather than a concrete project or general fundraising campaigns.

The Paris Peace Forum retains the right to deem ineligible any request that it considers to not comply with the Forum's goals and aims, without the need to justify said decision.

ARTICLE 4 – TERMS OF SUBMISSION

- **How to apply:**

Participating in the Call for Solutions is free of charge.

Applications must be submitted using an online form: <https://project.parispeaceforum.org/>.

The Selection Committee will not examine any proposal submitted through other means.

Only duly completed and submitted submissions will be considered. All mandatory fields must be filled for the proposal to be considered. Project leaders will receive a confirmation of receipt of their submission via e-mail.

The Paris Peace Forum reserves the right to contact candidates to request any additional information or documents for sharing with the Selection Committee.

Organizations may submit any number of proposals as part of this Call for Solutions.

- **Language requirements:**

The application form **must be filled out in one of the two languages of the Forum: French or English.**

Applications submitted in a different language will not be examined by the Selection Committee.

- **Timeline:**

The deadline for submissions is **23:59 PM CET on 1 June 2025.**

The date of submission has no bearing on a project's chances of being selected. We nevertheless strongly recommend submitting the projects as early as possible.

Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted or reviewed by the Selection Committee.

- **Contact information:**

Candidates may send inquiries about **technical issues** with submitting their applications to the following address: project@parispeaceforum.org.

ARTICLE 5 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

- **Selection Committee:**

Applications that the Permanent Secretariat of the Paris Peace Forum considers to be eligible as per the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of these Rules will be reviewed by the 2025 Selection Committee. Members of the Selection Committee will be announced at a later stage.

- **Timeline:**

The members of the Selection Committee will meet to select projects to be presented at the eighth edition of the Forum after a joint decision-making process.

All candidates will be notified *on a confidential basis* via e-mail of the Selection Committee's decision **before the end of July 2025**. Selected projects will be officially announced in **late August 2025** on the [Paris Peace Forum website](#).

Throughout the selection process, the Paris Peace Forum and the members of the Selection Committee will not respond to any requests for information about the application procedure or results.

- **Selection criteria:**

The Selection Committee will assess **each eligible submission** using the following criteria:

- **General quality of the project**
 - Feasibility and coherence
 - Credibility and potential
 - Impact
- **Relevance of the project to the priorities and approach of the Paris Peace Forum**
 - Universality, global, or international relevance
 - Link with global governance, a cooperation-based approach, diversity of actors involved
 - Added value of the project (innovative, new, or unique)
 - Added value of presenting the project at the Paris Peace Forum

The Selection Committee will also base its choice on **geographic, functional, and thematic diversity**, in line with the themes and priorities of the 2025 Paris Peace Forum.

ARTICLE 6 – COMMITMENTS OF SELECTED PROJECTS

The leaders of selected projects shall:

- **Respect the procedure developed by the Paris Peace Forum** for the registration of project leaders, especially with regards to respect of the timeline:
 - Confirm their participation.
 - Provide the names of representatives of the project who will attend the event throughout its duration. The project teams must reflect a gender balance.
 - Pay **participation fees for project leaders (€1200 pre-tax)** that cover opportunities for visibility and exchange during the event as well as access to specific areas and services reserved for project leaders.
 - Submit content and images for approval and production to be able to present the project before and during the event.
- **Cover all costs of their trip to Paris** and throughout the duration of the Forum.

The Paris Peace Forum **may provide grants to selected project leaders who are unable to cover, directly or through external funding, the costs of participating in the Forum**. Any request for financial support must be fully substantiated and submitted as per the procedure stipulated upon selection and may lead to coverage of the costs of participation and/or other costs resulting from participation (transportation and/or housing). Under no circumstances may the Paris Peace Forum guarantee a favorable response to the requests for financial assistance that it receives. Priority will be given to requests submitted by **project leaders working in organizations of modest financial means, especially those from countries in the Global South**, whose participation in the Forum would require a significant mobilization of financial resources.