



2026 CALL FOR SOLUTIONS

Rules & Regulations

On 3 April 2026, the Paris Peace Forum will launch its annual [Call for Solutions](#) in the run-up to its 9th edition, which will be held in Paris on 11-12 November 2026.

The submission deadline is **23:55 CET on 25 May 2026**.

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, mobilizing political and economic decision-makers, companies, civil society, and leaders from academia, culture, sports, and media to foster innovative multi-actor solutions to these global challenges.

The 9th edition of the Paris Peace Forum reflects a broader effort to reinvent diplomacy in response to global challenges, in line with France's G7 Presidency and the major international gatherings of 2026. The [2026 Call for Solutions](#) aims to identify and support concrete, multi-stakeholder initiatives capable of addressing issues related to peace, climate, development, and new technologies. The themes selected for this edition reflect both the Forum's priorities and the urgent and emerging challenges within global governance.

The [2026 Call for Solutions](#) therefore invites and puts the spotlight on all the actors addressing these pressing issues that are living proof of the difference global cooperation can make. For selected projects, the Forum's Space for Solutions offers an opportunity to gain international visibility, speak about their work during an event session, and network with key experts and decision-makers. Finally, the 10 most promising projects of the final selection will have the opportunity to grow their initiative via the Forum's project accelerator, the [Scale-up Program](#).

This year, we invite applications on the following themes:

- Harnessing Local Solutions for a Fair Energy Transition and Responsible Minerals Supply
- Catalyzing Youth Impact for Urban Climate Adaptation
- Combating Plastic Pollution for Ocean Resilience
- Expanding Smallholder Access to Agricultural Innovation
- Centering Child Wellbeing in Health and Nutrition
- Safeguarding Information Integrity for Peace and Security
- Sustaining Essential Services and Social Infrastructure in Conflict
- Growing Equitable AI Literacy and Skilling for the Future of Work and Education

ARTICLE 2 – OFFER FOR SELECTED PROJECTS

Selected projects or initiatives will be invited to the Space for Solutions at the 9th edition of the Paris Peace Forum (invitation-only) and will receive the 2026 Selected Project label. For leaders of the selected projects, the Forum will be a unique opportunity to:

1. Gain international visibility and exposure by showcasing their project in a dedicated space at the event.
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 [Paris Peace Forum website](#) and explore the nearly [600 projects showcased at previous editions](#) before submitting their proposals.

ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the 2026 Call for Solutions must **meet all the following seven criteria**, which should be understood to have a **cumulative effect**, before advancing to the Selection Committee for review. Projects submitted should be:

- 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 commit to prepare and present the project throughout the entire duration of the Forum in Paris this 11-12 November 2026. Projects led by only one individual will not be accepted.
- **Aligned with one of the priority themes** (see Article 1 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; work in the form of ideas without a plan for implementation; general frameworks; organizational programs rather than specific solutions.
- **Have an international dimension**, or, at least, **for local or national initiatives**, involve regional actors or resources and possess potential for credible international action.
- Should not apply with the aim of requesting funding from the Paris Peace Forum. **The Paris Peace Forum does not finance projects.**

THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE FOR THE 2026 CALL FOR SOLUTIONS:

- Initiatives with no international or multistakeholder 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

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 applications will be considered. All mandatory fields must be filled for the proposal to be considered. An email confirmation will be sent to project leaders upon submission.

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

Applying to the 2026 Call for Solutions is free of charge. Organizations may submit multiple proposals.

- 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 reviewed by the Selection Committee.

- Timeline

The deadline for submissions is **23:55 CET on 25 May 2026**.

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** to the following address: project@parispeaceforum.org.

ARTICLE 5 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Selection Committee

Applications that the Paris Peace Forum Secretariat considers to be eligible as per the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of these Rules and Regulations will be reviewed by the 2026 Selection Committee.

Comprised of a cohort of independent experts, the 2026 Selection Committee will meet for a joint decision-making process to select the projects to be presented at the 9th edition of the Forum. Selection Committee members will be announced on the [Paris Peace Forum website](#).

- Timeline

All candidates will be notified **on a confidential basis** of the Selection Committee's decision via e-mail in **August 2026**. Selected projects will be officially announced in **September 2026** on the [Paris Peace Forum website](#).

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

- Selection Criteria

The 2026 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 or unique)
 - Added value of presenting the project at the Paris Peace Forum

The 2026 Selection Committee will also account for **geographic, functional, and thematic diversity** during its deliberations, in line with the themes and priorities of the 9th edition of the Paris Peace Forum.

ARTICLE 6 – COMMITMENTS OF SELECTED PROJECTS

The leaders of selected projects shall commit to:

- Confirm their participation.
- **Respect the procedure developed by the Paris Peace Forum** for the timely registration of project leaders.
- Provide the names of project representatives who will attend the event throughout its duration. Project teams must reflect a gender balance.
- **Submit content and images** for approval and production to be able to present the project before and during the event.
- Pay the **project leader participation fee (€1,200 pre-tax)** and **cover all travel and accommodation costs** of their trip to/from Paris 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 2026 Forum.**

Requests for financial support must be fully substantiated and submitted according to the procedure provided upon selection. Financial assistance may cover costs related to participation fees, transportation, and/or accommodation. While the Paris Peace Forum cannot guarantee favorable responses to all financial assistance requests, **priority will be given to requests submitted by project leaders working in organizations of modest financial means, especially those based in the Global South,** whose participation in the Forum would require a significant mobilization of financial resources.