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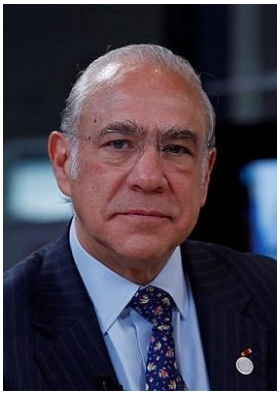
2025 Activity Report



Angel Gurría

President

In a world marked by fragmentation, intensifying conflicts, and accelerating global risks, the Paris Peace Forum stands as a reminder that the future of international cooperation will not emerge from old frameworks alone. In 2025 we witnessed the erosion of the old multilateral order, and the emergence of regional powerhouses. As mistrust deepens and global governance challenges become ever more urgent to address, we must embrace a more agile, inclusive, and innovative approach, one that brings governments, civil society, scientists, businesses, and citizens into a shared effort to rebuild the foundations of peace.

This is also why we called the 8th edition of the annual Forum "New Coalitions for Peace, People and the Planet". Whether in addressing violent conflict, governing the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence and other transformative technologies, or reshaping development models in a context of aid budget cuts, the projects and initiatives incubated and promoted by the Forum demonstrate that cooperation and multilateralism can be reinvented even in an era of polarization.

As we look ahead, our task is to transform this flourishing ecosystem of partners and communities into a sustainable architecture of global problem-solving. The Paris Peace Forum will continue to explore new possibilities of dialogue and action, rethink regulation, and empower the voices that must shape the future of global governance. This would not be possible without the support of our faithful partners, whom I sincerely thank, and our newly launched Endowment Fund will only strengthen our organization and commitment.

Please join us on 11 and 12 November 2026 for the 9th edition of the Paris Peace Forum!

Justin Vaïsse

Founder and Director General

In 2025, the Paris Peace Forum "reinvented diplomacy" in the face of major geopolitical turning points. As it became clear that Donald Trump's foreign policy was leading the US to withdraw from the 1945 multilateral order and traditional alliances, we clearly positioned the 8th edition of the Forum as a space for all the actors still committed to global goods diplomacy to collectively resolve global challenges. With over 81 sessions and 450 speakers, we covered major topics such as climate with the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, tech regulation, the future of the multilateral order, and the reinvention of development models.

Further, when several countries, including France, moved towards an official recognition of the State of Palestine, we supported this initiative by organizing the Paris Call on the Two-State Solution on 13 June 2025, including 300 representatives of Israeli et Palestinian civil societies, and to convene again a number of discussions on the roadmap to peace at UNGA and PPF8.

Overall, 2025 has been an incredibly busy year for the Forum, with major contributions to an unexpectedly high number of important summits and events, as well as the expansion of our policy initiatives. We contributed to the AI Action Summit of February 2025 by launching a specialized Call for Solutions and a new initiative – iRAISE, a multistakeholder coalition designed to promote the beneficial use of AI for children. We also facilitated a dialogue between the public and private sector at the Nutrition for Growth Summit in March 2025 and launched a new workstream on nutrition. We held our Spring Meeting at the Financing for Development conference in Sevilla in July where we promoted more investment in African agriculture and in children to catalyze the SDGs.

After 8 years of existence, I am extremely proud of what the Forum has accomplished, and of my extraordinary team. We have conducted a strategic review in the last few months, which has confirmed the relevance of our mission in this changing world, and led to the launch of an Endowment, which, with the pledge of 10 million euros by Prince Rahim Aga Khan, will firmly put us on a solid trajectory for more impact and successful collective action.

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1 Eighth Edition of the Paris Peace Forum

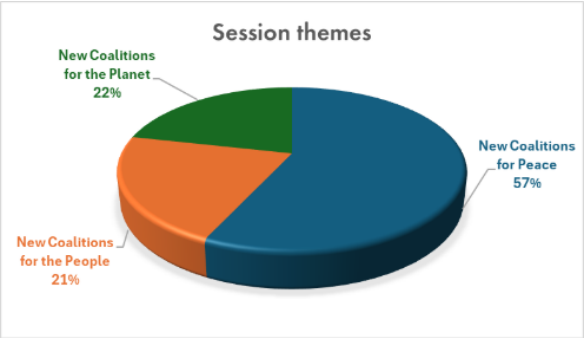
1.1 Main Program at the Palais de Chaillot on 29-30 October

The Program

The 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum took place on October 29th and 30th, with two days of high-level debates, including 455 speakers from all over the world participating in 81 panels and roundtables. The program was hosted on 4 panel stages and 3 roundtable rooms that ran simultaneously.

In a global context marked by profound disruptions and polarization, where old alliances no longer hold, the Paris Peace Forum embodies its purpose of "reinventing diplomacy in a changing world". The Forum program this year focused on seeking "**New Coalitions for Peace, People and the Planet**", highlighting the need to circumvent the obstacles to the resolution of the most urgent global issues – such as the climate crisis – by exploring new cooperation with countries willing to engage in constructive dialogue. Sessions featured in-depth discussions and explored concrete solutions to the major issues of our time in three main areas:

- Peace, Geopolitics and Multilateralism
- Inequalities, Sustainable Development Goals, impact of technological innovation on people
- Climate and Environment



This edition was also an opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement and give new impetus to future climate action.

Highlights of the Program

New Coalitions for Peace

A panel on **"Reforming the United Nations at 80"** argued that although the United Nations is broadly seen as indispensable, it is hamstrung by overwhelming procedural bloat and a persistent lack of political will among member states to pursue meaningful reform. Experts such as Maria Fernanda Espinosa (73rd President, UNGA), Jim Steinberg (Dean of SAIS, Johns Hopkins University), Henry Wang (Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization) or Marjeta Jager (Deputy Director-General, DG INTPA, European Commission) highlighted a stark divide between advocates of ambitious structural changes – such as overhauling the Security Council – and pragmatists who believe geopolitical realities make such reforms impossible. They concluded that the biggest obstacle is not the UN bureaucracy itself but member states' reluctance to relinquish entrenched mandates, making a cultural shift in leadership, including the call for a female Secretary-General, one of the paths to revitalization. Former President of Chile and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet announced her candidacy for the position of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on this occasion.

The Forum hosted the first **High-Level Conference on Information Integrity and Independent Media** warning that rapid technological and commercial disruptions are endangering access to trustworthy information. The session gathered 29 governments around the globe including 5 heads of state and government (France, Moldova, Ghana, Armenia, Albania). Dignitaries including Presidents Emmanuel Macron and Maia Sandu, as well as thought leaders such as Maria Ressa (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; Co-Founder and CEO, Rappler Inc.) and Achille Mbembe (Professor, Wits Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand), stressed that the global information crisis – marked by

financial strain in media, declining information integrity, and unchecked platform power – requires strong regulation, innovation, and renewed support for independent journalism. The conference produced four major outcomes: 1) the adoption of the Paris Declaration by 33 countries, 2) the creation of an International Coordination Group on Information Integrity, 3) a strengthened Partnership for Information and Democracy, and 4) the endorsement of the International Fund for Public Interest Media (IFPIM) as the coalition's financial arm.

Governments highlighted concrete commitments, such as Ghana's new financial contribution to IFPIM, underscoring that reliable information is a global public good essential to democratic resilience. With over USD 25 million in new funding commitments and plans to mobilize USD 150 million for independent media worldwide, the gathering demonstrated a growing multilateral consensus to protect information integrity and safeguard democracy.

The session **"From Bridgetown to Accra: the Visions Driving the Future of International Cooperation?"** presented a forceful Global South-led critique of an outdated international system and outlined a unified agenda to replace the donor-recipient paradigm with one of mutual accountability and strategic leverage. Leaders including Barbadian Prime Minister Mia Mottley and Ghanaian President John Mahama argued that climate, debt, and development crises expose a system built on structural inequity, and called for reforms such as affordable long-term finance, disaster-responsive debt instruments, and value-added economic sovereignty. Panelists such as Celso Amorim (Chief Advisor of the Brazilian President) emphasized that these Southern-driven initiatives – embodied in the Bridgetown Initiative and the Accra Reset – aim to transform the Global South from rule-takers into rule-makers. These initiatives use multipolarity, blocs like BRICS+ and catalytic support from philanthropy (as illustrated in the panel by Eric Pelofsky (Vice President of Global Economic Recovery, The Rockefeller Foundation)) and civil society to drive a new, fairer model of multilateral cooperation.

John Dramani Mahama, Mia Amor Mottley, Celso Amorim, Eric Pelofsky and Luis Vassy at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 29, 2025.

In another important session on **"Safeguarding International Humanitarian Law"**, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) President, Mirjana Spoljaric-Egger, spoke about the new ICRC initiative to protect International Humanitarian Law (IHL) launched in September 2024 that over 90 states are now supporting. The session addressed the widening gap between the robustness of legal frameworks and their erosion in current conflicts. Amidst ongoing crises in Sudan, Ukraine, and Gaza, the panel examined a critical systemic risk: the application of IHL, including by member states, has decreased significantly and is much more selective than universal and the use of force is increasingly deregulated and targeting civilians.

Jean-Noël Barrot, José Manuel Albares and Mirjana Spoljaric-Egge at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de la Marine, Paris, October 30, 2025.

The discussion, including Jean-Noël Barrot (French Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs), José Manuel Albares (Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation) and Kajsa Ollongren (EU Special Representative for Human Rights) concluded

that the defense of IHL is also a core security interest rather than a purely humanitarian concern. The strategic implication is that the rules-based order can only survive if it is enforced uniformly. If major powers continue to apply legal standards selectively, the international system risks reverting to a transactional environment where normative constraints are dismissed, making the resolution of future conflicts significantly more difficult.

Several sessions of the program addressed present and past conflicts: A session on the **ongoing war against Ukraine** emphasized a strong European consensus that lasting peace in Ukraine requires Ukrainian victory, sustained military and financial support, and a reimagined security architecture grounded in deterrence rather than premature diplomacy.

Baiba Braže, Olexandr Mischenko, Benjamin Haddad and Peter Wagner at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 29, 2025.

Panelists Olexandr Mischenko (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine), Baiba Braže (Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs), Benjamin Haddad (French Minister Delegate for Europe) and Peter Wagner (Director and Head of Service, European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments) stressed that Russia's aggression constitutes an existential threat to both Ukraine and the rules-based order, arguing that any durable settlement must stem from a position of strength, accountability for war crimes, and long-term investment in Europe's defense capabilities. While acknowledging that diplomacy remains distant, the discussion underscored that only sustained unity, pressure, and resilience can compel Moscow toward a just and comprehensive peace that secures both Ukraine's sovereignty and Europe's long-term stability.

The **Israel-Palestine conflict** was high on the agenda with four sessions, including a high-level dialogue between former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and former Palestinian Foreign Minister Nasser al Qidwa who presented their updated blueprint for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; a roundtable on the future of Palestine with speakers from the Palestinian civil society examining the dilemmas facing their national movement and exploring new strategies and visions for the path forward; and an Israeli–Palestinian civil society roundtable which aimed to bridge policy and people and place civil society at the core of a fused multilateral framework.

Thirty years after the **Dayton Accords** ending the Bosnian war, a panel moderated by Benjamin Haddad (French Minister Delegate for Europe) highlighted how the agreement, while essential for ending the war, has entrenched political fragmentation and enabled elites to weaponize historical trauma and obstruct reforms needed for European integration. Panelists representing the youth generation of Bosnia and Herzegovina emphasized the stark contrast between citizens who already live and cooperate beyond ethnic divisions, and political actors who preserve Dayton's rigid structures to maintain control and avoid accountability. The discussion ended with an address by Marta Kos (European Union Commissioner for Enlargement) and concluded that the country needed deep constitutional reform, greater domestic responsibility, and sustained but non-interventionist EU partnership to realize its aspiration for a unified, European future.

The Forum hosted a session of the **Ministerial Conference in Support of Peace and Prosperity in the Great Lakes Region** dedicated to regional economic integration. Facilitated by Eléonore Caroit (French Minister Delegate for Francophonie and International Partnerships), the session stressed that deeper economic integration and connectivity between countries in the region can be

stabilizing factors for peace and prosperity in the Great Lakes region. Bringing together institutional actors, donors, international organizations, and representatives of the private sector, the meeting discussed the mobilization of international public and private funding and a multi-country approach to support concrete projects.

Other sessions analyzed the current shifting geopolitical landscape and explored **Europe's place in the world**, the role and impact of **China** in new coalitions, the growing influence of **"Middle powers"** in global governance and the consequences of geopolitical tensions on business for the **private sector**.

The Forum held a number of spotlight sessions with high-level dignitaries such as:

- **Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova**, President, Republic of North Macedonia (on The Importance of Regional Cooperation in the Balkans for the Future Generations)
- **Nikol Pashinyan**, Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia (on Leadership at the Crossroads: Navigating Power and Stability in a Fragmented World)
- **Edi Rama**, Prime Minister, Republic of Albania (on Diplomacy in a Divided World: Regional Leadership and the Future of Multilateralism)
- **Albin Kurti**, Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo (on Peacekeeping at a Crossroads: The Future of UN Missions and Global Responsibility)
- **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, Head of the United Transitional Cabinet, Republic of Belarus (on Bringing Peace Back to Europe)

This year again, several sessions in the program tackled pressing digital, cyber and AI-related issues. A panel highlighted a shift from traditional "AI safety" concerns toward urgent **"AI security"** threats, with experts warning that AI is rapidly enabling malicious activities – from large-scale disinformation to cyberattacks and even facilitation of biological or chemical weapons – faster than governance systems can respond. Panelists Yoshua Bengio (Full Professor, Université de Montréal; Co-President and Scientific Director, LawZero; Founder and Scientific Advisor, Mila – Quebec AI Institute), Jacinda Ardern (Former Prime Minister, New Zealand; Patron of the Christchurch Call), Robin Geiss (Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research), Vilas Dhar (President and Trustee, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation) and Nicholas Butts (Director, Global AI and Cybersecurity Policy, Microsoft) stressed that the competitive global race in AI development creates dangerous incentives against regulation, while existing institutions remain too weak to manage risks such as autonomous warfare, concentrated corporate power, and the erosion of democratic oversight. The discussion concluded that only a proactive, human-centered, and genuinely multilateral governance framework – one that includes governments, industry, civil society, and the Global South as equal partners – can prevent adversarial uses of AI and ensure the technology strengthens rather than undermines global security.

High-level spotlight sessions took place on cyber topics:

- **"Building a Resilient Digital Future: Multistakeholder Leadership in Action"** with Lisa Monaco (President, Global Affairs, Microsoft) and Jacinda Ardern (Former Prime Minister, New Zealand; Patron of the Christchurch Call)
- **"Cyber Peace in a Fragmented World: Securing Digital Resilience Through International Cooperation"** with Jakov Milatović (President, Montenegro) and Valdecy Urquiza (Secretary General, Interpol)
- **"A Path to Safe-by-Design AI for Humanity: Conversation with Yoshua Bengio"**, 2018 Turing Award and Co-President and Scientific Director of LawZero.

New Coalitions for People

In 2025, the global landscape of development finance experienced structural ruptures that challenge the foundations of the post-war international cooperation

model. Collapsing Official Development Assistance (ODA), worsening debt burdens, and climate emergencies further fragilize an already fragmented global financial architecture. Four months after the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Sevilla, the Paris Peace Forum gathered stakeholders from across the world to discuss concrete solutions to build more equitable and effective development models and foster cooperation with new partnerships that move beyond the donor-recipient dynamic.

A high-level roundtable on **"The State of Development Finance in 2025: What Ways Forward?"** including, amongst others, Moussa Faki Mahamat (Special Envoy, Pact for Prosperity, People and the Planet (4P) ; Former Prime Minister, Republic of Chad), Mary Beth Goodman (Deputy Secretary General, OECD) and Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Executive Director of GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion; 73rd President, UNGA), exposed how existing development systems are fragmented and increasingly inadequate in the 21st century, emphasized the need to combine public, private, domestic, and international finance while prioritizing support for the most vulnerable countries and reflected on the urgent search for a new paradigm, moving from a donor-recipient model to a more complex ecosystem of co-investment and shared sovereignty. The legitimacy of any new framework, it was argued, will depend entirely on the inclusivity of its governance.

Lanciné Diaby, Friederike Roder, William Roos, Stéphane Charbit and Paola Subacchi at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 30, 2025.

A panel including Lanciné Diaby (Director General of the Finance Department, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire), William Roos (Managing Director for Corporate Strategy and member of the Executive Committee, EBRD), Friederike Röder (Director of the secretariat, Global Solidarity Levies Task Force) and Stéphane Charbit (Managing Partner, Government Advisory, Rothschild & Co) addressed **the silent crisis of debt and debt servicing**, particularly in lower income countries, and explored potential instruments to address them, such as debt-for-development swaps.

Two sessions addressed **access to energy**: a panel including Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ghana), Laurence Tubiana (Director General, European Climate Foundation; Special Envoy for Europe, COP 30) and William Tumawaku (Chief of Staff of the Minister of Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of the Congo) explored how universal access to clean energy can drive economic growth, ensure human dignity and bolster resilience across Africa, notably with the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, whose goals include reaching 1 billion people with clean, affordable, reliable energy, averting 4 billion tons of carbon emissions and creating 150 million jobs. A closed-door roundtable highlighted that coordinated investment in energy infrastructure is fundamental, and that where energy, agriculture, infrastructure, and health projects are often conceived and funded in silos, integrated approaches would be essential for a just and impactful energy transition.

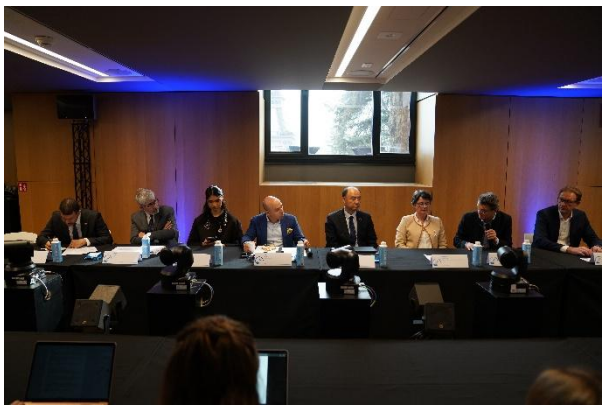
A few sessions organized with the ATLAS initiative explored how **African agriculture** is critical for global food security with insights from Ismahane Alouafi (Executive Managing Director, Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)), Hajar Alafifi (Chief Executive Officer, OCP Africa), Alice Albright (Former Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation) or Pascal Lamy (Vice President, Paris Peace Forum; Former Director General, World Trade Organization (WTO); Former Commissioner for Trade, European Union) amongst others. As achieving Africa's agricultural potential has proven essential for attaining global SDGs, discussions

highlighted that one of the only viable paths forward is to systematically de-risk the agricultural sector to attract private capital.

Following the 2025 Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Paris Summit and the extension of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition to 2030, other sessions tackled different aspects of **nutrition**: combating global malnutrition, funding school meal programs, and mobilizing financing for nutrition. Speakers including Adeline Lescanne (Director General, Groupe Nutriset), David Laborde (Director of the Agrifood Economics Division, FAO), William Moore (Chief Executive Officer and President, Eleanor Crook Foundation) and Leonard Mizzi (Head of Unit, Sustainable Agri-Food systems and Fisheries (DG INTPA), European Commission) highlighted the enormous human and economic toll of global malnutrition and called for large-scale, nutrition-sensitive investments and stronger donor alignment, particularly as current financing tools are insufficient to match the scale of the challenge.

A session was dedicated to **global trust in science**: Raj Kumar (President and Editor in Chief, Devex) pointed out that skepticism increasingly conflates scientific institutions with elitism. With increasing examples of science no longer being "safe", initiatives to rebuild trust are essential as highlighted by Hicham El Habti (President, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic) and Ma Jun (Founding Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs). Speakers argued that science must reclaim its broader societal role – fostering collective intelligence, guiding democratic decision-making, and demonstrating tangible value – to rebuild trust in an age of disruption.

A few sessions were organized with the Paris Peace Forum's initiative for a comprehensive Child Priority Framework. Speakers argued that while investing in children is a strategic imperative, global reversals in **child wellbeing** threaten long-term stability and development. Valerie Nkambang Nemo (Deputy Director, Global Development – Emergency Response, Gates Foundation) alerted that child mortality trends are reversing for the first time in two centuries and called for renewed domestic and international financing to address preventable deaths and malnutrition. Nesmy Manigat (High-Level Envoy and Advisor for Education, Global Partnership for Education) stressed that education must go beyond enrollment to ensure meaningful learning. Speakers converged on the necessity of strengthening national capacities and leadership, transitioning from fragmented, externally driven projects to country-led, scalable initiatives with the younger generation as co-designers and not just as beneficiaries.



Gilles Bloch, Hicham El Habti, Michael Obersteiner, Ma Jun, Kiara Nirghin, Sandrine Bouttier-Stref, Benoît Miribel and Raj Kumar at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de la Marine, Paris, October 29, 2025.

Other sessions were organized with the Paris Peace Forum and everyone.ai's iRAISE initiative (International Research-driven Alliance for AI Serving Every Child), exploring the responsibilities society holds in shaping **AI for children**. Cécile Aptel (Deputy Director, UNICEF) highlighted that millions of children already interact with AI daily, often without safeguards and Mathilde Cerioli (Chief Scientist, everyone.ai) emphasized that AI's rapid integration into young people's lives demands a paradigm shift toward proactive, ethically grounded design. Speakers called for a global, multi-stakeholder alliance to ensure AI meaningfully benefits children, guided by transparent governance, shared responsibility, and the direct involvement of young people themselves.

New Coalitions for the Planet

The year 2025 marked the **10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement**, the innovative, dynamic, and universal framework that commits the international

community to taking action to limit global warming to well below 2°C, and if possible, 1.5°C. In this context, France organized a series of events and initiatives to highlight the contributions of the Paris Agreement and strengthen multilateral momentum on climate change, in support of Brazil's presidency of COP30. The Forum was an opportunity to reflect upon this legacy ahead of COP30 in Belém.

A high-level roundtable on **energy-related methane emissions** brought together Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley (a leader on methane issues) and TotalEnergies CEO Patrick Pouyanné (champion within the oil industry's voluntary coalitions on methane), as well as representatives from governments (Germany, United Kingdom, EU Commission), international organizations (IEA, IMEO and UNEP's CCAC) and regional organizations (OLADE), the private sector (Kayrros), philanthropic foundations (Global Methane Hub), and the scientific community (LSCE, IGSD). This multi-stakeholder dialogue, facilitated by IEA, led to a number of important conclusions:

1. Recognition of the crucial role of methane as an "emergency brake" on global warming
2. Need to combine regulation with voluntary industry approaches
3. Need to support developing countries and companies that did not have the capacity to make progress on their own, and to find ways to engage major emitters that remained outside international action
4. Signal support for international collaboration on methane intensity values and MRV practices for imported fossil fuel emissions with a view to a zero-methane emissions market.

The roundtable thus paved the way for subsequent summits on methane aiming to accelerate the elimination of methane emissions in the fossil fuel sector.

Two other high-level roundtables focused on the priority issues of the **transition away from coal** (with representatives from French, UK, Indonesian governments, the Asian Development Bank, Climate Investment Funds, Urgewald, Generali, Powering Past Coal Alliance), and **nature-based solutions** (with speakers such as Monique Barbut (French Minister for ecological transition), Manuel Pulgar-Vidal (Former Peruvian Environment Minister, President of COP20 and Director of WWF Global Climate and Energy Network); Balarabe Abbas Lawal (Minister of Environment, Federal Republic of Nigeria), Dame Ruth Davis (UK Special Representative for Nature), Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter (German Parliamentary State Secretary for Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety), Ma Jun (Founding Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs), Gabriela Hearst (Creative Fashion Director), Mirova, Ardian – issues on which France is particularly engaged.

André Aranha Corrêa do Lago, Laurent Fabius, Salaheddine Mezouar, Mukhtar Babayev, Michał Kurtykal and Melissa Bell at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 29, 2025.

Another high-level panel gathered members of the **Circle of COP Presidents**. COP30 President André Correia do Lago explored with past COP presidents (Laurent Fabius, COP 21; Mukhtar Babayev, COP29; Michał Kurtyka, President, COP24; Salaheddine Mezouar, COP22) the current climate situation, challenges and the role of COPs in the run-up to the upcoming one in Belém.

During the plenary session closing the first day, French President Emmanuel Macron emphasized the urgency of reducing methane emissions, accelerating reforestation, and strengthening North-South cooperation, alongside Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley, who demanded urgent structural interventions – specifically, the universal application of "natural disaster clauses" to pause debt service for climate-vulnerable countries.

Emmanuel Macron, Mia Amor Mottley and Monique Barbut at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 29, 2025.

Following up on the debates initiated in previous Forum editions and building on the year-round work of PPF's Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals, the key topic of transition minerals remained high on the Forum agenda. Two high-level sessions brought together influential leaders including Ana Brnabić (President of the National Assembly of Serbia); Turki Al-Babtain (Deputy Minister for Mining Affairs of Saudi Arabia), Kadri Simson (Former EU Commissioner for Energy and Council Member), Marjeta Jager (DG INTPA), and Karim Dahou (OECD Deputy Director for Global Relations). These discussions underscored that geopolitical fragmentation diminishes the feasibility of energy transition goals and highlighted the importance of forging mutually beneficial partnerships with producing countries grounded in local value creation, environmental and social stewardship, and responsible investment. The Forum was also an opportunity for the Global Council to convene its 8th meeting, during which it adopted a Position Paper offering recommendations on how the G7 concept of minerals "standards-based markets" should be shaped and implemented to uphold high standards while preventing further market fragmentation.

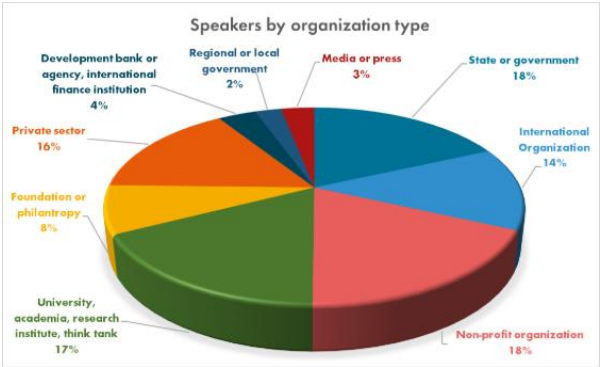
Other sessions tackled crucial environmental topics such as estimating the upside and confronting the limits of SRM & Development, and the strategic role of oceans at the crossroads of biodiversity, climate, and security issues.

All sessions are available to watch on our YouTube channel, and a summary can be accessed here.

1.2 Participants

Speaker diversity to inform the debates

The Forum gathered **455 speakers** (for a total of 586 speaking opportunities) from **97 countries**. This marked a substantial increase from the previous year, when the then one-day only program hosted 157 speakers. This year saw an increase in the speakers from Europe (especially from the Balkans and Eastern Europe, reflecting the broad vision of European issues and stakeholders covered in the sessions) and from Africa, as one of the meetings of the Ministerial Conference in Support of Peace and Prosperity in the Great Lakes Region was hosted at the Forum. There was, however, a significant decrease in the number of speakers from North America this year.



Hala Elsadek, Kheng Lork, Elsa Marie DSilva, Khadija Amahal and Gulnora Mukhamadieva at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 30, 2025.

When planning the sessions, the Forum strives to promote committed female voices from all sectors and backgrounds. This year at the Forum, **56%** of the speakers were men, and **44%** were women. Gender equity was also a prominent theme in the Forum's program, which included several sessions dedicated

to the topic, such as "Empower Her: Championing Women who Shape Policies" and "Rethinking Investment in Peace and Security through a Feminist Lens" and "Data, Storytelling, and Leadership: Tools for Women's Empowerment".

Moreover, **10%** of the speakers were voices of the young generations, partly thanks to the Forum's **Youth Track** fostering youth leadership and engagement on global governance issues. The Forum's agenda also featured dedicated sessions on youth, such as "Empowering Youth Networks to Defend Democracy and Global Peace" and "Empowering Youth to Lead Peacebuilding, Social Change, and Cohesion". The closing ceremony featured young Nigerian poet and United Nations Global Advocate for Peace **Maryam Bukar Hassan** who delivered a powerful performance and message to end the packed two-day event.

Maryam Bukar Hassan performs at the Closing Ceremony of the 8th Paris Peace Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 30, 2025.

A selection of speakers

Heads of State and Government

- **Emmanuel Macron**, President, French Republic
- **Edi Rama**, Prime Minister, Republic of Albania
- **Nikol Pashinyan**, Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia
- **Mia Mottley**, Prime Minister, Barbados
- **Denis Bećirović**, Member of the Presidency, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Albin Kurti**, Prime Minister, Republic of Kosovo
- **Mohamed Al Menfi**, Chairman of the Presidential Council, State of Libya
- **John Dramani Mahama**, President, Republic of Ghana
- **Maia Sandu**, President, Republic of Moldova
- **Jakov Milatović**, President, Montenegro
- **Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova**, President, Republic of North Macedonia

Members of government

- **Abbas Lawal Balarabe**, Minister of Environment, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- **Jean-Noël Barrot**, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, French Republic
- **Monique Barbut**, Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, and International Negotiations on Climate and Nature, French Republic
- **Eléonore Caroit**, Minister Delegate for Francophonie and International Partnerships, French Republic
- **Benjamin Haddad**, Minister Delegate for Europe, French Republic
- **Ararat Mirzoyan**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Armenia
- **Lejeune Mbella Mbella**, Minister for External Relations, Republic of Cameroon
- **Jiří Kozák**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **Floribert Anzulini**, Minister of Regional Integration, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Minna-Liina Lind**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia
- **Gunther Krichbaum**, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office, Federal Republic of Germany
- **Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ghana
- **Baiba Braže**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Latvia
- **Stefan Ztinzo Azzopardi**, Minister for European Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme, Republic of Malta
- **Luca Niculescu**, Secretary of State and National Coordinator for the OECD Accession Process, Romania
- **Turki Al-Babtain**, Deputy Minister for Mining Development, Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Chernor Bah**, Minister of Information and Civic Education, Republic of Sierra Leone
- **José Manuel Albares**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain
- **Olexandr Mischenko**, Deputy Minister of Foreign, Affairs, Ukraine

Parliamentarians

- **Ana Brnabić**, President, National Assembly, Republic of Serbia; Former Prime Minister
- **Maria Rachel J. Arenas**, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, House of Representatives, Republic of the Philippines
- **Hélène Conway-Mouret**, Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Senate, French Republic
- **Peter De Roover**, President of the House of Representatives, Kingdom of Belgium
- **Bruno Fuchs**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Assemblée nationale, French Republic
- **Ibou Gueye**, Chairman of the Defense and Security Committee, National Assembly, Republic of Senegal
- **Moha Rathsapheathika Thipadei Khuon Sudary**, President, National Assembly, Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Johannes Koskinen**, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Finland, Republic of Finland; Former Minister of Justice
- **Michael McNamara**, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament

International organizations and multilateral development finance institutions

- **Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Special Envoy, Pact for Prosperity, People and the Planet (4P); Former Prime Minister, Republic of Chad
- **Robin Geiss**, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- **Mary Beth Goodman**, Deputy Secretary-General, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
- **Tim Gould**, Chief Economist, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- **Marta Kos**, Commissioner for Enlargement, European Commission
- **Nesmy Manigat**, High-Level Envoy and Advisor for Education, Global Partnership for Education
- **Wamkele Mene**, Secretary General, African Continental Free Trade Area (CfCFTA)
- **Carlo Monticelli**, Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank
- **Tomas Lamanauskas**, Deputy Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- **Antón Leis García**, Director, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- **Kajsa Ollongren**, Special Representative for Human Rights, European Union
- **Martin Raiser**, Senior Representative for European Economic Cooperation, World Bank
- **Rémy Rioux**, Chief Executive Officer, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- **Mirjana Spoljaric-Egger**, President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- **Herman Tuyaga**, Permanent Executive Secretary, Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries
- **Valdecy Urquiza**, Secretary General, International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
- **Philippe Varin**, President, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); Chairman, World Materials Forum (WMF)
- **Benedikta von Seherr-Thoß**, Managing Director, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- **Peter Wagner**, Director and Head of Service, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission (FPI)

Private sector

- **Thierry Déau**, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meridiam
- **Shikoh Gitau**, Chief Executive Officer, Qhala
- **Jean-Laurent Granier**, Chief Executive Officer, Generali France
- **Gabriela Hearst**, Creative Fashion Director, Gabriela Hearst
- **Jean Madar**, Chairman of the Board, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Interparfums
- **Lisa Monaco**, President, Global Affairs, Microsoft
- **Guillaume Poupard**, Deputy Director General, Docaposte
- **Patrick Pouyanné**, Chief Executive Officer, TotalEnergies
- **Antoine Rostand**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kayrros
- **Florence Verzelen**, Executive Vice President EMEA, Dassault Systèmes

Other global governance stakeholders

- **Huma Abedin**, Chief of Staff, Office of Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton
- **Nasser Al-Qidwa**, Former Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Celso Amorim**, Chief Advisor to the President of Brazil, Federative Republic of Brazil

- **Dame Jacinda Ardern**, Former Prime Minister, New Zealand and Patron of the Christchurch Call
- **Michelle Bachelet**, Former High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations; Former President, Republic of Chile
- **Yoshua Bengio**, Full Professor, Université de Montréal; Co-President and Scientific Director, LawZero; Founder and Scientific Advisor, Mila – Quebec AI Institute
- **Thibaut Bruttin**, Director General, Reporters Without Borders (RSF)
- **Howard Buffett**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Howard G. Buffett Foundation
- **Maryam Bukar Hassan**, United Nations Global Advocate for Peace
- **André Aranha Corrêa do Lago**, President of COP 30
- **Dame Ruth Davis**, Special Representative for Nature, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- **Vilas Dhar**, President and Trustee, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation
- **Ismahane Elouafi**, Executive Managing Director, Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)
- **Comfort Ero**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Crisis Group
- **Laurent Fabius**, President of COP 21; President of the Circle of COP Presidents
- **Maria Fernanda Espinosa**, Executive Director, GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion; 73rd President, United Nations General Assembly; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ecuador
- **Arancha Gonzalez**, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po Paris
- **Charles J. Harder**, Special Envoy Best Future Generations, Department of State, United States of America
- **Anne Hidalgo**, Mayor, City of Paris
- **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President, Bosphorus Institute
- **Hichem Khadhraoui**, Executive Director, Center for Civilians in Conflicts (CIVIC)
- **Michał Kurtyka**, President of COP 24
- **Nishant Lalwani**, Chief Executive Officer, International Fund for Public Interest Media (IFPIM)
- **Ma Jun**, Founding Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs (IPE)
- **Achille Mbembe**, Professor, Wits Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand
- **Salaheddine Mezouar**, President of COP 22
- **Michelle Milford Morse**, Vice President for Girls and Women Strategy, United Nations Foundation
- **Ehud Olmert**, Former Israeli Prime Minister
- **Giórgos Papandréou**, General Rapporteur for Democracy, Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly; Former Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic
- **Dino Patti Djalal**, Founder and President, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI)
- **Manuel Pulgar Vidal**, Former Environment Minister, Republic of Peru; President, COP 20; Director, WWF Global Climate and Energy Network
- **Maria Ressa**, Chief Executive Officer and President, Rappler Inc; 2021 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- **Eric Salobir**, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Human Technology Foundation
- **Kadri Simson**, Former Commissioner for Energy, European Union; former Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure, Republic of Estonia; Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- **Jim Steinberg**, Dean, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- **Mark John Thompson**, Co-Chairman, International Fund for Public Interest Media (IFPIM)
- **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, Head of the United Transitional Cabinet, Republic of Belarus
- **Laurence Tubiana**, Director General, European Climate Foundation; Special Envoy for Europe for COP 30
- **Sigrid van Aken**, Chief Executive Officer, Postcode Lottery Group
- **Luis Vassy**, Director, Sciences Po Paris
- **Henry Wang**, Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization (CCG)
- **Daniel Wilhelm**, President, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Youth Track

In its second edition, the Youth Track confirmed its emergence as one of the Paris Peace Forum's fastest growing and most dynamic components. After bringing together around 150 young participants in 2024, the programme expanded to **nearly 400 students and young professionals** in 2025, representing **45 countries and 28 partner organisations**. This surge in participation reflects both the strong demand from youth constituencies and the growing interest of institutions eager to collaborate with the Forum's efforts

to amplify next-generation perspectives on global governance.

The 2025 cohort included master's programmes, student associations, young ambassadors' networks, partner institutions, and a large group of returning alumni, most of them based in France. Notably, several new organisations joined the Youth Track this year, including the University of Rennes, ESSEC, the EUPeace Alliance, and the Franco-German Youth Office, further broadening its academic and institutional reach.

Group photo of Youth Track participants at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Esplanade du Trocadéro, Paris, October 30, 2025.

Participants benefited from a carefully curated agenda combining access to high-level sessions, thematic events, and exclusive small-group exchanges with public figures. Youth Track members were also featured as contributors to the Forum's official programme, most prominently during a flagship session dedicated to elevating young voices in global governance: "Holding the Line for Democracy." This high-impact session brought together Trisha Shetty (Founder and President, SheSays), Gabriela Hearst (Creative Fashion Director), Mayada Adil (UN SDG Young Leader), Kiara Nirghin (Google Community Impact Award Laureate), and Michael Ramirez Galeano (UNICEF Ambassador), offering a rare intergenerational dialogue on democratic resilience.

Beyond the main programme, the Youth Track acted as a platform for co-creation, enabling the organisation of two thematic events co-hosted with student associations in Paris during Forum week. These activities enriched the Forum's overall dynamism and strengthened its ties with youth-led initiatives.

Youth Track participants during an exclusive exchange with Sofia Victoria Zagitova (Founder, Young And Hired) at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de la Marine, Paris, October 29, 2025.

The overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants and partners highlights the Youth Track's growing relevance and its potential to evolve into a fully-fledged, year-round engagement platform. As more universities, networks, and institutions express interest in joining or supporting the programme, the coming years offer a unique opportunity to consolidate the Youth Track as a flagship investment for organisations committed to empowering youth leadership, fostering global citizenship, and shaping the future of multilateralism.

Earlier in the year, the Forum deepened its long-term engagement with youth audiences through its contribution to HEC's Winter Academy, a programme whose participants had taken part in the 2024 Youth Track and through which HEC became an institutional partner of the Forum. On this occasion, in January 2025, the Forum delivered a lecture on the role of major international fora, like the Paris Peace Forum, the Munich Security Conference, the World Economic Forum, in shaping global governance debates for diplomats and the private sector.

Members of Parliament (MP) Track

Launched in 2025, the MP Track marked a significant step forward in embedding parliamentary perspectives into the Paris Peace Forum's work. While prominent MPs from around the world had regularly taken part in

previous editions, this was the first year in which the Forum developed a dedicated parliamentary track, built in close partnership with both chambers of the French Parliament and supported by proactive mobilisation from French diplomatic posts abroad. This effort resulted in an exceptional line-up of **28 parliamentarians representing 16 nationalities**, including three Speakers and three Chairs of Foreign Affairs Committees.

A targeted diplomatic campaign focused on parliamentarians from the Global South, particularly Chairs and Members of Foreign Affairs Committees, while also engaging Members of the European Parliament and MPs whose mandates align with the Forum's core priorities in foreign affairs, climate, and development. The curated program spanned three days, beginning with an invitation to the reception of Mayor Anne Hidalgo at the Eiffel Tower on the eve of the Forum, followed by a ministerial reception hosted by Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs on the first evening. The official program featured a dedicated, off-the-record parliamentary roundtable, co-chaired by the Assemblée nationale and the Sénat, offering a substantive geopolitical exchange among MPs from Europe, Africa, and Asia. Several parliamentarians also served as speakers across the wider Forum program, including at a thematic event co-organised with Asia Society France on geopolitical dynamics in Southeast Asia.

Beyond their engagement on stage, the Forum enabled participating MPs to undertake bilateral meetings with their French counterparts, an important source of added value for parliamentary diplomacy. Thanks to the Forum's convening power, they were able to meet senior figures such as Yaël Braun-Pivet, President of the Assemblée nationale, Gérard Larcher, President of the Sénat, and other committee chairs and members. These exchanges underscored the Forum's unique role as a catalyst for political dialogue and a practical tool of diplomatic influence.

1.3 An iconic venue: the Palais de Chaillot

Capturing the essence of the event

For its eighth edition, the Paris Peace Forum returned to a historic Parisian landmark closely linked to peace and human rights: the Palais de Chaillot, located at Place du Trocadéro. However, this edition introduced a new configuration by focusing on two museums, the Musée de l'Homme and the Musée National de la Marine.

The Forum succeeded in bringing together more than **3,000 participants** and showcasing a rich program of debates, initiatives, and high-level exchanges. This edition preserved the key elements that have come to define the Paris Peace Forum experience: a central main stage hosting leaders and experts from around the world, a PPF Lounge designed for partners and in-depth conversations, and dedicated bilateral rooms supporting diplomatic and multilateral engagement.

Balancing consistency and renewal

Close collaboration with the event agency MCI made it possible to optimize the available spaces within the two museums and accommodate all program requirements and session formats, despite significant spatial limitations. Together, we worked on adjusting room configurations and refining circulation paths.

The participants' access system was streamlined with five automatic badge-printing terminals, reducing paper waste, and making the event more environmentally sustainable. High-profile guests benefited from a dedicated drop-off area on the Trocadero esplanade, allowing for an iconic photo opportunity and direct entry through the main entrances of the two museums.

The scenography was adapted to these constraints and fully aligned with the Paris Peace Forum's new visual identity to create a coherent and contemporary atmosphere across all spaces.

To support the event across both sites, catering was provided by the museums' restaurants, complemented by the Café de la Paz located next to Café Lucy. This setup ensured continuous hospitality and encouraged informal interactions throughout the event.

Enhancing openness

This year, with the event split across two venues, we focused on ensuring smooth movement between the **Musée de l'Homme** and the **Musée National de la Marine**. At the Musée de l'Homme, the atrium hosted Stage A, offering a vast and open space that naturally became the central point of the setup. Stage C, also located in this museum, featured a Spotlight format with an exceptional view of the Eiffel Tower. Both Stages A and C operated using the silent-conference system, enabling a comfortable experience for speakers. Stage B, set in the auditorium of the Musée de l'Homme, completed this first cluster, while the flow of participants passed through the SCUP gallery. The TR3 room occupied a more discreet space suited to targeted exchanges.

At the Musée National de la Marine, the **Solutions Space** was fully redesigned as an exhibition area showcasing 30 projects. Displayed on large totems that structured and animated the main hall, these projects benefited from strong and immediate visibility. The TR1 and TR2 rooms offered spacious environments for special sessions such as the "10th anniversary of the Paris agreement" or the "High-Level International Conference on Information Integrity and Independent Media", while Stage D was positioned above the Solutions Space, creating a direct link between the sessions and the initiatives showcased. The announcement of the 2025-2026 SCUP cohort was integrated into the closing session, becoming a highly visible and impactful moment for all participants.

On February 18, 2026, the Paris Peace Forum, together with its event agency MCI, was awarded the **Silver Prize for Best Institutional Event at the Meet In Grand Prix de l'Événementiel** for the Forum's 8th edition. Meet In is a French media brand and event platform dedicated to the event industry. It organizes awards and showcases that recognize creativity, innovation, and excellence in events and communications, including the Grand Prix de l'Événementiel, which honors outstanding event productions and projects selected from more than 40 submissions. The Paris Peace Forum is proud to have received this recognition.

8th Edition of the Paris Peace Forum App

In 2025, we launched the official 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum application, enhancing the overall participant experience and strengthening interactions. The process began with a detailed set of specifications built around four priorities: highlighting the program, integrating an efficient networking tool, showcasing project leaders and partners, and facilitating on-site navigation. After assessing our needs, we selected Inwink, whose solution best matched the required features. The development phase was carried out in full alignment with our expectations, including content structuring, speaker promotion, user journey design, and configuration of interactive tools.

The application proved highly effective during the event, with 652 active profiles and strong adoption among key audiences: 394 participants (60%), 84 speakers (13%), 78 volunteers (12%), and 64 project leaders (10%).

Volunteers program

The Paris Peace Forum's Volunteer Program was launched in 2018 in partnership with the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) at Sciences Po, and Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO). Since then, the program has steadily expanded with Ismaïli Civic and Fondation Ibn Rochd pour les Sciences et l'Innovation (FIRSI) joining in 2021 and 2023, respectively. Together, these partners have helped strengthen the program's international reach and diversity.

The Volunteer Program continued to grow in both scale and ambition. In 2025, it attracted 435 applications for only 214 available positions. The selected volunteers came from four institutions: 79% from PSIA,

7% from INALCO, 13% from AKDN, and 1% from FIRSI. The group was predominantly female, representing 70% of participants, while 30% were male.

Volunteers for the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Esplanade du Trocadéro, Paris, October 29, 2025.

Volunteers contributed through seven distinct roles that were essential to the success of the event: Greeters (Venue, Stages, and Speaker Greeters), Note Takers, Quote Takers, Roundtable Coordinators, Delegation Officers, Volunteer Coordinators, and Venue Leaders. They all benefited from a comprehensive training program that combined a general session, role-specific preparation, and an on-site visit to the Palais de Chaillot on the day before the Forum.

Building on the achievements of previous years, the Volunteer Coordinator system was maintained and further improved. Eight outstanding volunteers were given the opportunity to take on leadership responsibilities, gaining valuable experience and a unique behind-the-scenes perspective on the organization of a major international event.

1.4 Around the Forum

10-10-10 Dinners and Thematic Events

On the eve of the Forum, **11 "10-10-10 dinners"** were held across Paris, hosted by leading institutions including Sciences Po, the Aga Khan Development Network, the European Commission, and the International Chamber of Commerce. Together, they brought around 130 influential leaders, policymakers, and experts for high-level thematic discussions on urgent global governance challenges.

Key themes included protecting academic freedom, mediating conflicts in the digital era, and the development of civil nuclear energy in Africa. These results-oriented conversations set the stage for the Forum, reinforcing its commitment to fostering actionable solutions through multistakeholder dialogue and collaboration. More information about the dinners and the themes can be found in the Annex.

12 thematic events took place from 27th to 31st October across Paris, hosted by think tanks, universities, embassies and other organizations, bringing together around 500 participants from a wide array of sectors and backgrounds. This opening to the city provided a diverse range of perspectives and solutions on global governance and enabled us to delve deeper into specific issues during workshops.

Six of these events were organized by the Forum. They included:

- **"Minerals, Governance, and Conflicts"** thematic event co-organized with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Department of Peace Operations, Global Witness, Madini Kwa Amani Na Maendleo and others. The session explored how global and local actors can ensure that the accelerating demand for transition minerals drives justice, peace, and sustainability rather than conflict or exploitation.
- **"Broadening Access to Sustainable Agricultural Practices: Scaling Innovation through South-South Cooperation"** thematic event by ATLAS, co organized with the OCP Group. The event showcased transformative initiatives from the Paris Peace Forum's Call for Solutions 2025.
- The **"8th Meeting of the Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals"** brought together diverse global actors for a high-level dialogue on the topic. Building on the seven recommendations launched in 2024, the Council reviewed progress and set strategic priorities to advance responsible, transparent, and resilient

mineral supply chains amid growing international momentum on mineral governance.

- The seminar **"From Disruptive Code to Restrained Conflict"** brought together policymakers, private sector leaders, and civil society experts to address the growing integration of cyber and AI technologies in warfare. The event fostered dialogue and collaboration to advance clearer norms and multistakeholder solutions for governing ICT-driven conflict and promoting sustainable peace and security.
- **"Fault Lines and Frontlines: Asia's Shifting Geopolitics"**, a thematic event co-organized with Asia Society France at the Maison de l'Asie. The event explored shifting geopolitics in Asia and their implications for the international community.
- The **Kick- Off meeting of the 2025-2026 SCUP Cohort** launched the year-long customized support towards the development of 10 selected international projects for the Scale-up program (SCUP) in fields ranging from agriculture to artificial intelligence.

2 Contribution to other events

2.1 AI Action Summit

On February 10–11, 2025, France hosted the AI Action Summit in Paris at the Grand Palais, bringing together around 1,500 participants from across the globe. The Summit was complemented by more than 100 side events organized by governments, companies, international organizations, NGOs, and universities, including several led by the Paris Peace Forum.

The Summit took place at a critical moment, as artificial intelligence increasingly shapes the global economy, governance, and everyday life. It provided a platform to address the profound ethical, social, and economic implications of AI and to help ensure its development benefits all of humanity.

The Paris Peace Forum co-organized several initiatives and events during the Summit to foster international dialogue and collaboration on AI governance. They included:

- **A Call for AI projects resulted in the selection and showcase of 50 initiatives in the Space for Solutions of the Grand Palais**, chosen from a record of more than 750 submissions. These projects originated from all continents and addressed a wide range of issues, including support for blind and visually impaired individuals, efforts to combat digital violence and hate speech, cervical cancer screening, and labor law.
- **Cockt.ai.l Reception**: On the eve of the Summit, the Paris Peace Forum, together with Boston Consulting Group, hosted a reception at the Hôtel Le Marois in Paris, bringing together participants to celebrate global collaboration on AI governance.
- **Launch of the iRAISE initiative (February 10, 2025)**: At the AI Action Summit, the Paris Peace Forum, in partnership with everyone.ai, launched the iRAISE initiative, a multistakeholder coalition aimed at facilitating the exchange of best practices and identifying actionable pathways to promote the responsible and beneficial use of AI for children.
- **Closed-Door Discussion on AI Challenges in Africa (February 10, 2025)**: Hosted by the World Economic Forum, the French African Foundation, and the Paris Peace Forum, this session explored the challenges and opportunities of AI development in Africa, focusing on infrastructure, governance, and innovation, while also addressing strategic partnerships to support the continent's AI ecosystem.
- **"Charting the International Governance of the AI-Cyber Nexus" roundtable (February 11, 2025)**: On the sidelines of the second day of the Summit, the Paris Peace Forum convened industry, public sector, and cyber policy experts to assess AI-driven cyber risk initiatives and promote the integration of cybersecurity into AI governance.
- **"AI for Development: Solutions for a Sustainable and Inclusive Future" event (February 11, 2025)**: Co-organized with the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), this event examined the role of artificial intelligence in advancing sustainable and inclusive development. It showcased innovative AI solutions in key sectors, including education, health, agriculture, and social inclusion, and addressed critical issues such as digital sovereignty and AI ethics in developing countries.
- **Closed-door meeting of the Smart Africa ministerial network (February 11, 2025)**: Launched by African heads of state, Smart Africa drives socioeconomic development through digital transformation by bringing together 40 countries representing more than one billion people. On the margins of the connectivity and, its latest ministerial meeting, co-organized with the Paris Peace Forum, convened government leaders to advance ICT

access, strengthen broadband connectivity, and support Africa's transition to a knowledge-based economy.

- **"Fighting Fake News on Social Media: a Key Challenge for Africa" High-level Dinner (February 11, 2025)**: Co-organized by the French African Foundation, Concerto Global Public Affairs, Jeune Afrique Media Group, and the Paris Peace Forum, this event convened government leaders and policymakers, media executives, tech entrepreneurs, and key stakeholders to examine the impact of fake news on African societies.

2.2 Nutrition for Growth Summit

On March 27–28, 2025, the Paris Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit convened world leaders, policymakers, private sector representatives, and civil society organizations to discuss the future of nutrition, mobilize international support, and secure concrete commitments to improve global nutrition.

The Summit served as a pivotal moment for advancing a new vision of nutrition and sustainable development, emphasizing the integration of nutrition into broader development efforts across health, agriculture, education, and climate action. Participants focused on closing the $13 billion annual funding gap by coordinating investments, setting measurable national nutrition targets, and implementing robust tracking systems to ensure accountability.

By the close of the Summit, nearly **US$28 billion in nutrition funding** had been announced, supporting progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Paris Peace Forum played a central role in the lead-up to the N4G Summit, serving as an **official partner** and **member of the Steering Committee**.

It organized stakeholder meetings to develop a toolkit with clear messaging guidelines and launched an online campaign highlighting the critical role of nutrition in sustainable development, including a redesign of the N4G website and the introduction of a new visual identity.

In parallel, the Forum co-facilitated the Private Sector Working Group on nutrition alongside the Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNi) and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). From June 2024 through the 2025 Summit, this collaboration convened multiple meetings, culminating in a full day multistakeholder roundtable on March 26, **"The Private Sector and Nutrition: Everyone's Business"**, which brought together more than 170 participants.

The outcomes of this work were summarized in the Paris Declaration on Business and Nutrition 2030, which outlines a shared vision for a strengthened "Nutrition Economy" and establishes a roadmap to transform food systems by 2030. The Declaration was formally presented at the official N4G closing ceremony on March 28 by Justin Vaïsse, Director General of the Paris Peace Forum.

2.3 The Paris Call for the Two-State Solution, Peace and Regional Security

Responding to calls from Israeli, Palestinian, and international stakeholders for lasting peace in the Middle East, the Paris Peace Forum hosted a civil society event on the Two-state Solution, Peace and Regional security on June 13, 2025, at the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE). The conference was organized in partnership with six leading civil society coalitions: the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP), the Alliance for Two States, Forum 1325, Les Guerrières de la Paix, the International Peace Forum, and the Two-State Solution Coalition. The event convened over 500 participants from Israeli and Palestinian civil society, the broader region, and international institutions.

Throughout the day, peacebuilders participated in sessions and roundtables focused on advancing a just and lasting resolution to the conflict. Participants emphasized the need for a sovereign and viable Palestinian state, the reform and strengthening of its institutions, and secure borders with credible security guarantees for both peoples. Mutual recognition was

highlighted as a cornerstone of peace, not a concession.

Sessions on education, memory, and media explored the deeper roots of mistrust and division. Participants discussed confronting historical trauma, amplifying alternative narratives, and equipping the next generation with the tools to imagine a shared future. Civil society initiatives operating on the ground were showcased as evidence that cooperation is not only possible but already underway.

French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Noël Barrot, holding the Paris Call for the Two-State Solution that was presented to him by representatives of the Israeli and Palestinian civil society, CESE, Paris, June 13, 2025.

To conclude this landmark gathering, Israeli, Palestinian, regional, and international civil society leaders presented the jointly drafted Paris Call for the Two-State Solution to Jean-Noël Barrot, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs. It called for the immediate recognition of the State of Palestine, a permanent ceasefire, the unconditional release of all hostages, and unhindered humanitarian access to Gaza. The declaration also urged the international community to take concrete measures to safeguard and implement the two-state solution, including legal accountability, diplomatic recognition, economic support, and sustained engagement with civil society.

The day ended with a reception at the Élysée, where French President Emmanuel Macron met with leaders from Israeli and Palestinian civil society and expressed his support for their efforts.

Israeli and Palestinian civil society representatives with French President Emmanuel Macron, Elysée Palace gardens, Paris, June 13, 2025.
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2.4 Spring Meeting

Following a successful Spring Meeting in Morocco on the theme "Fair Transitions" in 2024, the Paris Peace Forum once again held its mid-year event outside of France. In 2025, the Forum convened in Sevilla, Spain, alongside the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) from June 30 to July 1.

Against the backdrop of major aid cuts and a global financing crisis for the 2030 Agenda, the Forum provided a platform for creating new coalitions and strategies to mobilize funding for critical priorities. Over two days, participants focused on essential actions for a more resilient and sustainable world, including investing in the next generation, supporting Africa's agriculture, and promoting improved nutrition for all.

On the first day of the Summit, the Paris Peace Forum, in partnership with the Gates Foundation and the Spanish Ministry for Health, hosted the side event **"A Child Priority Framework: Putting Children First to Build Consensus around a Renewed Cooperation Agenda"**, advancing the initiative that places children's health, education, and nutrition at the center of development strategies. Key speakers, including Mark Suzman (Gates Foundation), Kate Hampton (CIFF), Carla Haddad Mardini (UNICEF), Marcos Neto (UNDP), and Raj Kumar (Devex), emphasized the importance of making childhood a cross-cutting priority in international cooperation.

On July 1, the Paris Peace Forum, through its ATLAS initiative, co-organized with Boston Consulting Group the side event **"Catalyzing Finance for Agrifood Systems in Africa: Mobilizing Capital and Innovation to Transform African Agrifood Systems"**. The session explored how investment and innovation can transform Africa's agriculture, creating jobs, enhancing food security, and empowering communities. The panel featured a broad range of experts, including Federica Diamanti (International Fund for Agricultural Development), H.E. Nardos Bekele-Thomas (African Union Development Agency - NEPAD), Lawrence Haddad (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition), Younes Addou (OCP Group), Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli (ONE), Abdihakim Ainte (Prime Minister's Office, Federal Republic of Somalia), Carlos Conde (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development), and Patrick Dupoux (Boston Consulting Group).

Later that day, the Paris Peace Forum, in partnership with the Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNi) and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), co-organized the event **"Driving the Nutrition Economy: Unlocking Private Investment for Healthier Futures"**, hosted by Devex at the Villa Luisia. The session highlighted that nutrition is not only a health issue but also an economic opportunity, with each dollar invested in addressing undernutrition yielding a $23 return.

The panel featured Brieuc Pont (Special Envoy for the Nutrition for Growth Summit, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, French Republic), Afshan Khan (Scaling Up Nutrition Movement – SUN, United Nations), Greg Garrett (ATNi), Bathylle Missika (OECD Development Centre), Charles Wetherill (UN Capital Development Fund – UNCDF), Lawrence Haddad (GAIN), and Kate Warren (Devex).

3 Boosting projects

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 annual 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 595 projects, including 30 projects selected in 2025.

The Forum also serves as an accelerator, supporting ten projects over the past year through its Scale-up Program (SCUP), enabling initiatives to amplify their impact and achieve their objectives. These projects were showcased at the 2025 Paris Peace Forum, highlighting their achievements over the year.

Booths of the projects selected for the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Musée de la Marine, Paris, October 29, 2025.

3.1 Showcasing projects at the 2025 Paris Peace Forum

For its past eight editions, the Paris Peace Forum has provided project teams with an opportunity to showcase their initiatives and boost their development at its annual event. Functioning as a "one-stop-shop", the Forum connects project leaders to decision-makers, experts and practitioners, international media outlets, potential partners and funders, and a public platform that makes their voices heard.

Group photo of the project leaders selected for the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Esplanade du Trocadéro, Paris, October 29, 2025.

The 2025 Selected Projects

This year, 30 projects were selected and showcased during the 2025 Forum, through an open Call for Solutions featuring seven themes reflecting the 8th edition's priority to develop "New Coalitions for Peace, People and the Planet". An independent Selection Committee[1] comprised of five experts from leading international governance institutions, deliberated on the final laureates among more than 300 applications received from over 80 countries. In total, 22 countries were represented in the final selection, with 53% based in the Global South.

A total of 120 project leaders from around the world participated in the 2025 Forum. Thanks to the support of the Forum's Mobility Fund, 60 project leaders received financial assistance to attend the annual event, prioritizing participation from projects based in the Global South.

To make the most of the 2025 Forum, all project teams benefited from:

- **Visibility**: a physical stand at the Musée National de la Marine's Space for Solutions enabling them

[1] The list of 2025 Selection Committee is available in Annex 1.

to interact directly with other participants, and communication efforts highlighting their project on the Forum's social media, website, official event app, and with media partners, before, during and after the event.

- **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. At the 2025 Forum, all 30 projects were represented in over 20 sessions related to their subject matter of expertise.
- **Networking:** interactions between project teams and other global governance actors. High-level personalities that met with project leaders in the Space for Solutions at the 2025 Forum include: Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova (President, Republic of North Macedonia), His Highness the Aga Khan, Benjamin Haddad (Minister Delegate for Europe, French Republic), and Valdecy Urquiza (Secretary-General, INTERPOL), among others.

The Project leaders described their experience at the 2025 Forum as:

> "Exquisite – Energizing – Transformative – Where innovation meets diplomacy – Inspiring – Encouraging – An eye-opening networking opportunity – Meaningful – A global visibility boost – An idea generator "

3.2 The Scale-up (SCUP) Program

Through its SCUP program, the Paris Peace Forum provides customized support to ten projects for one year, in areas of public policy and advocacy, communications and visibility, partnerships, fundraising, and organizational development. As part of its offer, the SCUP program provides:

- **Mentorship**: each project team is matched with two SCUP mentors who help them achieve the objectives they define at the beginning of the year. The mentors are renowned personalities in their field and commit to mobilizing their expertise, know-how, and networks to help the projects on a volunteer-basis.[2]
- **Workshops for project leaders**: workshops foster peer learning interactions and focus on capacity-building in the domains of pitching and storytelling, digital communications, strategic advocacy, and more.
- **Support from the Secretariat**: support involves managing the overall SCUP process, providing specific guidance, and mobilizing the Forum community.

The results of the SCUP's eighth 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.

Angel Gurría, President of the Paris Peace Forum, with SCUP Project leaders, at the 8th edition of the Forum, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 29, 2025.

More information on each project's progress since November 2024 and the impact of the support provided will be compiled in the forthcoming 2024-2025 SCUP Activity Report to be published on the Forum's website.

The 2024-2025 SCUP projects and their trajectory over the past year

The following ten projects were selected in 2024 among the community of 565 projects presented in past

[2] The list of 2024-2025 SCUP mentors is detailed in Annex 2.

editions of the Forum to benefit from SCUP support for one year. They returned to the Forum in 2025 to showcase their projects' trajectories during their SCUP year.

AI for Climate and Biodiversity | CMinds
Implemented in Mexico

Since joining the SCUP, the project has expanded from a local initiative in Yucatán to a regional nature-tech movement across Latin America and the Caribbean. They launched the Jaguar Biocorridor Alliance, scaling the AI-based Bioscanner Platform for biodiversity analyses based on jaguar populations, and built an AI-powered matchmaking tool for funders and projects.

Moving forward, they are co-designing with partners the Biocultural Platform, an investment mechanism rooted in Indigenous priorities.

"The generosity, clarity, and companionship our mentors offered throughout each session have been instrumental for this year's growth."
- Constanza Gómez Mont, Founder and CEO, C Minds

Community & Livelihood Support in Afghanistan | Uplift Afghanistan Fund (UAF) and Community-Driven Development organization (CDDO)
Implemented in Afghanistan

Over the past year, the Community and Livelihood Project, jointly led by Uplift and Community-Driven Development organization, has evolved from broad nationwide implementation to more refined, community-informed programming. Through in-depth needs assessments, they have adjusted their focus to emphasize context-specific cash-for-work, disaster preparedness (notably in Herat's earthquake zones), and environmentally responsible construction, leading to deepened impact and strengthened local ownership.

CyberPeace Builders | CyberPeace Institute
Implemented internationally

During their participation in the SCUP program, the CyberPeace Builders team received valuable feedback that helped refine and strengthen several key areas of their work. With insights from their SCUP mentors, they enhanced the user experience of their platform for nonprofits and volunteers, improved their communications and branding strategies, and developed better processes for collecting beneficiary and volunteer feedback and success stories. They also expanded their training and service materials and delivered a workshop on AI Skills to fellow projects leaders of the SCUP cohort.

"We're grateful to everyone who made this year's journey in the Scale-Up Program a success! A heartfelt thank you to our mentors, as well as the Paris Peace Forum team for their unwavering support, guidance, and collaboration throughout the year. Building on commitment and expertise, our CyberPeace Builders program continues to grow and make a tangible impact, helping nonprofits worldwide strengthen their cyber resilience and protect the communities they serve."
- Fabien Leimgruber, Head of Cyber Resilience, CyberPeace Institute

DALIL | Siren Analytics
Implemented in Europe and the Middle East

Through the SCUP program, Dalil grew from a MENA fact-checking platform into a global media monitoring suite, expanding to Europe and the Western Balkans. Over the past year, it launched proprietary AI tools, grew to 400+ expert users across multiple countries, and forged key partnerships. DALIL now aims to lead its field by scaling reach through high-impact collaborations, entering new markets, and advancing innovative media analysis capabilities.

Get Heard | Youth Empowerment Society (YES)
Implemented in Morocco

The guidance received as a SCUP project helped shape their vision and ensure the sustainability of Get Heard's interventions. Feedback from their expert mentors highlighted the importance of long-term, efficient strategies to keep their project running. Most importantly, the SCUP process taught them to approach fundraising with greater strategy and foresight.

> "The SCUP Program did an excellent job challenging us to think deeply and identify gaps where our project could be improved. We are forever grateful for the continuous high-quality support received from the Paris Peace Forum and the mentors."
> - Khadija Amahal, Project Coordinator, "Get Heard", Youth Empowerment Society

Minerals for Peace and Development – Madini Kwa Amani Na Maendeleo | International Alert on behalf of the Madini consortium
Implemented in Africa

Since its SCUP selection, the project has strengthened the relevance of its advocacy messages through regular mentoring and targeted feedback. Mentors have shared valuable advice and helped them think bigger and in new ways.

Key international contacts in the mining and peace sectors have been shared, expanding the network and potential for action. These advances mark important steps toward increased influence and expanded geographic reach.

MIT Climate Pathways Project | MIT Climate Policy Center
Implemented internationally

Through the SCUP, the project focused on three goals: develop a sustainable funding plan, increase efficiency in reaching target audiences, and prepare more top-tier ambassadors. It has grown its relationship with MIT Sloan's frontline fundraisers, applied for new forms of funding, developed a list of high-profile event opportunities, and turned its outreach strategy into an actionable plan. Finally, the project team has agreed on a set of actions to help identify and support more top-tier ambassadors.

Seabed 2030 | Nippon foundation GEBCO
Implemented internationally

The project has gained insights into how international organizations, governments, and companies can best use and benefit from improved global seafloor maps. The SCUP program helped them address gaps in their network of partners and understand why potential beneficiaries often overlook the importance of seabed mapping. Their mentor expanded their understanding of how non-maritime entities view the ocean, helping address 'sea-blindness' in land-focused entities and supporting them in understanding why the ocean matters.

Tespack Smart Mobile Micro-Grid | Tespack
Implemented in Africa

The SCUP program provided the project with strategic insights into sustaining Tespack's growth. Through the program, Tespack benefited from invaluable guidance on navigating government finance and corporate strategy, as well as thoughtful advice on NGO strategy and financing. This support enabled the company to secure key strategic partnerships facilitated through connections made via the SCUP program while strengthening its overall market position in diverse global contexts.

> "Huge thanks to the Paris Peace Forum team for their incredible support and organization over these past ten months, and also, a big thank you to our mentors for their key support."
> - Mario Aguilera, CEO and Founder, Tespack

Ustawi: The Power of Community | Green String Network
Implemented in East Africa

This year brought significant challenges as the project lost major funding, forcing strategic repositioning. This

pivot strengthened the team's focus on sustainable, community-driven solutions, deepened their local partnerships, refined their culturally grounded approach, and developed more resilient funding strategies. These setbacks have clarified their mission and made their platform more adaptive to real-world constraints. The SCUP program helped broaden their perspective while refining and articulating their work.

Support from Postcode Lottery

The Paris Peace Forum's Solutions Hub receives dedicated funding from one of its long-standing partners, the Postcode Lottery Group. This special partnership was highlighted during the 2025 Closing session,[3] which featured Postcode Lottery's CEO, Sigrid van Aken, announcing the new cohort and demonstrating Postcode Lottery Group's continued commitment to the Paris Peace Forum Projects Community.

Closing session of the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, featuring Postcode Lottery CEO Sigrid van Aken, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, October 30, 2025.

3.3 A lively project leaders' community

2025 AI Action Summit

Due to the success of its project selection methodology, the Paris Peace Forum played a key role in the AI Action Summit held at the Grand Palais in Paris in February 2025. As mentioned earlier, a global Call for AI projects, focused on leveraging artificial intelligence for the common good, was launched by the Forum in October 2024 to identify the most innovative global AI projects for showcase at the high-level event.

An independent Selection Committee comprised of nine prominent experts in the AI field[4] selected 50 projects from a record 750+ applications received from over 100 countries. Among these included two SCUP projects, Dalil and Tech4Nature Mexico, respectively led by Siren Analytics and C Minds, that showcased their innovative solutions aligned with the event's five major themes: Public Interest in AI, Future of Work, Innovation and Culture, Trust in AI, and Global AI Governance. Due to the high-level nature of the event, projects received record press coverage and hundreds of media mentions in local and international press.

Booths featuring the 50 AI projects selected by the Forum at the AI Action Summit, Grand Palais, Paris, February 10- 11, 2025.
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Other events and opportunities

In 2025, the Projects 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. Activities launched to maintain community among current and former projects were sustained and strengthened, including through the publication of three project leader newsletters promoting the latest project news and progress to the entire Projects Community, reaching an audience of nearly 2,000 recipients. These newsletters include invitations to exclusive informal conversations with high-level personalities designed to provide insight into the background and day-to-day

[3] Watch a replay of the announcement on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEAXUfFgbGA.

[4] The list of the Call for AI projects Selection Committee is available in Annex 3.

work of inspiring individuals and organizations under Chatham House rules. This year's conversation featured Sandra Melone, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors for Search for Common Ground.

The Forum also offered opportunities for current and former projects to take part in other international events throughout the year. The Paris Peace Forum's projects were well-represented at the 2025 Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend in Marrakech, Morocco, hosted by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in June 2025. In a key session co-organized with the Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique, entitled "From local insight to global impact: African AI innovation", former project Mahaam AI for Decarbonization, was represented by Souhail Maya who shared his perspectives on how AI solutions designed by Africans for Africans can help drive local responses to economic, climate resilience, and energy transition. Walid Daou, CEO of Cleverlytics moderated the panel that also included Lamiae Azizi, Professor, College of Computing, Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique and Rawan Dareer, CEO of Hakimu, Inc. Their participation in the Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend allowed for additional connections with important members of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation ecosystem.

The Forum also built upon its nominator status, gained in 2023 with Prince William's **The Earthshot Prize** (TEP), with several nominated projects in 2024 advancing to the latest stages of their highly selective process for the 2025 edition. While they did not reach the final stage, nominees will still be considered for future TEP opportunities such as events, technical assistance, features in reports, and consideration for LaunchPad, TEP's innovative finance platform. In 2025, the Projects team nominated three projects for the Prize's 2026 edition.

3.4 Supporting ten new projects in 2025-2026

The reduced number of selected projects at the 8th edition offered an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of the Projects community by opening the SCUP application to the 2024-2025 cohort for an additional year of support. This method reflected the Forum's strong engagement with its community. For the 2025-2026 program cycle, the SCUP Selection Committee[5] chose the following ten projects to benefit from a year of Scale-up support, including two projects from the 2024-2025 cohort:[6]

- Agroforesterie et Reforestation Communautaire, led by Actions pour le Développement et l'Entrepreneuriat
- Community & Livelihood Support in Afghanistan, led by Uplift Afghanistan
- Disinformation Radar for the Balkans, led by Metamorphosis Foundation for Internet and Society
- Powering Change: Women & Critical Minerals, led by the Association of Women in Mining in Africa (AWIMA)
- MIT Climate Pathways Project, led by MIT Climate Policy Center
- RAISE SEA, led by AI Safety Asia (AISA)
- Fagnako Agroforesterie & Energie Renouvelable, led by Canopy Energies
- The Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa), led by AKADEMIYA2063
- Passerelle, led by Mission AI
- Zuzi AI: Inclusive & Safer Digital Spaces, led by Gender Rights in Tech NGO

[5] A list of the 2025-2026 SCUP Selection Committee is available in Annex 4.

[6] A description of each project from the 2025-2026 cohort is available in Annex 5.

4 Policy work

4.1 Reinventing Development

The ATLAS Initiative

In 2025, the ATLAS (Agricultural Transitions Lab for African Solutions) coalition made significant progress, expanding its reach and strengthening its impact across the continent. From 28 founding members in late 2023, ATLAS grew to include more than 50 leading institutions from the public, private, and development sectors by the end of 2025, reflecting strong momentum and broader stakeholder engagement.

In January 2025, ATLAS launched its flagship 2x30 Challenge at the World Economic Forum in Davos, an ambitious initiative aimed at doubling annual agricultural investment in Africa from $50 billion to $100 billion by 2030. To strengthen transparency and accountability in agricultural financing, the coalition released its first Investment Barometer, providing much-needed insight into financial flows within African agri-food systems.

ATLAS also published a **policy brief** titled "Solution Pathways to Scale Sustainable Agriculture in Africa", which advances an African-led definition of sustainable agriculture, one that promotes both productivity and environmental stewardship while reflecting local realities. The brief presents actionable recommendations, including supporting innovation, fostering tailored soil and input solutions, and advancing simplified metrics grounded in African data systems.

In August 2025, ATLAS, in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group, published an **op-ed** titled "African Agriculture Is the Key to Global Sustainable Development". The piece emphasizes that increased investment in African agriculture represents a highly effective strategy for closing development gaps, reducing poverty, enhancing food security and strengthening climate resilience, all critical components of global sustainable development. It underscores the urgent need to address the existing funding shortfall through coordinated efforts among development agencies, public funders, and the private sector to fully unlock the sector's potential. The op-ed also highlights that such investments offer not only substantial social and environmental benefits but also compelling financial opportunities for investors.

Through strategic advocacy, policy outputs, and high-profile convenings, ATLAS positioned itself as a central platform for mobilizing finance and advancing solutions to support Africa's agricultural transformation.

In 2025, ATLAS co-hosted over 11 events at major international forums:

- **World Economic Forum, Davos (January)**: ATLAS launched the 2x30 Challenge and Investment Barometer, with participation from Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), OCP Group, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), BCG, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and development banks.
- **Finance in Common Summit, Cape Town (February)**: ATLAS hosted a panel discussion on unlocking development finance for African agri-food systems, featuring the International Finance Corporation (IFC), IFAD, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), African Development Bank (AfDB), French Development Agency (AFD), BCG, and the ONE Campaign.
- **Agri-Chain Investment Forum, Morocco (April)**: ATLAS organized a panel discussion focused on financing gaps, policy reform, and innovation, in collaboration with the World Bank, INNOV X, Qatar Foundation, and Sinergi Burkina.
- **Ibrahim Governance Weekend, Marrakech (June)**: ATLAS co-hosted a panel discussion with OCP Group on aligning investments and policies for food and climate security, with the participation

of the Kofi Annan Foundation, ICARDA and the ONE Campaign.

- **4th International Conference on Financing for Development, Sevilla (July)**: ATLAS co-hosted discussions with BCG on innovative finance for agrifood systems, engaging Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), OECD, AUDA-NEPAD, IFAD, INNOV X, the ONE Campaign, and the Government of Somalia.
- **African Food Systems Forum, Dakar (September)**: ATLAS organised two sessions focused on sustainable agriculture, with OCP Africa, Sahel Consulting, Global Phosphorus Institute and BCG, and a closed-door roundtable on private capital mobilization, in partnership with AGRA.
- **New York Climate Week, New York (September)**: ATLAS hosted a roundtable on scaling blended finance with AGRA and BCG, emphasizing platforms and partnership models.
- **8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Paris (October)**: ATLAS participated in multiple events, including a side event on scaling innovation via South-South cooperation, a high-level panel discussion on food security amidst supply shocks, and a technical roundtable advocating for African-owned definitions of sustainability.
- **COP30, Belém (November)**: ATLAS co-hosted a side event with OCP Group, BCG, Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (EMBRAPA) and the Government of Brazil, promoting South-South cooperation on sustainable agricultural transformation and knowledge exchange between Brazil and Africa.

Child Priority Framework Initiative

The Paris Peace Forum formally launched the Child Priority Framework (CPF) at its 7th edition in 2024, with 2025 seeing significant ramp-up in the initiative's activities. This included building a "coalition of the willing" around the topic of wellbeing, initially established with the Gates Foundation and later expanded to include the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), Save the Children, WorldVision International, UNICEF, UNESCO, and many others.

Consultative sessions were held to develop the initiative's strategic direction, alongside a series of panel discussions, roundtables, and working sessions at various events to promote child well-being:

- **4th International Conference on Financing for Development, Sevilla (July)**: The Forum held a panel discussion on "A Child Priority Framework: Putting Children First to Build Consensus around a Renewed Cooperation Agenda". This event was organized with the Gates Foundation and the Spanish Ministry of Health, and featured representation from the Gates Foundation, Spanish and South African Ministries of Health, CIFF, UNDP and UNICEF. The discussion emphasized the need for a multistakeholder coalition around child wellbeing and stressed the strategic importance of this topic in a context of limited development financing.
- **80th edition of the United Nations General Assembly, New York (September)**: The Paris Peace Forum co-hosted a session on "Early Childhood Education: Foundations for Flourishing," introducing the CPF to the early childhood community and exploring key conditions for child wellbeing. Later, a closed working session at the French Permanent Mission to the United Nations brought together representatives from child health, education, and nutrition sectors to build consensus around the CPF, clarify its scope, and underscore the need for a stronger investment rationale to advance the political case for investing in child wellbeing.
- **8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Paris (October)**: CPF convened two events focused on "What does Successful Holistic Child Wellbeing Look Like?" and "The Case for Putting Children First". The former was a technical working session based around 4 critical questions to determine the scope of the Child Priority Framework based on the experiences of the participants and determining

how best to measure and assess child wellbeing priorities in different contexts. The second was a high-level round table which addressed the need for a political narrative around investing in children, emphasizing the necessity of this investment for sustainable development.

Paris Declaration on Business & Nutrition 2030

Following the launch of the Paris Declaration on Business & Nutrition 2030 in March 2025 at the Nutrition for Growth Summit, the Paris Peace Forum advanced its implementation by engaging key stakeholders through targeted consultation sessions to define strategic priorities and by organizing events to promote the Declaration and its roadmap, strengthening collaboration across public and private sectors:

- **Paris Peace Forum Spring Meeting, Sevilla (July)**: On the margins of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Peace Forum co-organized, with the Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNi) and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and hosted by Devex, a panel discussion titled **"A Child Priority Framework: Putting Children First to Build Consensus around a Renewed Cooperation Agenda"**, bringing together stakeholders to explore collaborative strategies for child-focused nutrition and development.

4.2 Environment and Climate

Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals

In 2025, the Transition Minerals initiative made significant progress and delivered impactful results in advancing responsible governance of mineral supply chains.

The Global Council for Responsible Transition Minerals (Global Council) welcomed a new member, Kadri Simson (former EU Commissioner for Energy). The Transition Minerals Coalition and its community also grew significantly over the year. Its group of Special Advisors now includes nearly 40 experts representing a diverse range of stakeholders, from the private sector to civil society and international organizations. The broader community also expanded, with nearly 100 participants attending the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum.

This year, the Global Council convened four meetings, including one in-person, with participation from high-level guest participants such as Janez Potočnik (former EU Commissioner for the Environment), Mark Robinson (Executive Director, EITI), and Isabelle Ramdoo (Director General, IGF Mining). These meetings, providing a forum for high-level discussion on current issues, have resulted in outputs such as the adoption of a **position paper on the concept of "Standards-based markets"**, put forward by the Canadian G7 which could inform the discussions under the French Presidency of the G7 in 2026.

In line with its mandate (Interim report, Recommendation 2), the Global Council's co-chairs have signed a **letter supporting and proposing guidance on the draft Resolution on the Environmentally Sound Management of Minerals and Metals in the context of the 7th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)**. Meanwhile, Recommendations 1 (integrating minerals and climate multilateral strategies) and 3 (creation of an interoperable database) made significant headway, with partners developing an International Materials Data Hub.

In 2025, the Global Council contributed to several international events and fora:

- **Future Minerals Forum, Riyadh (January)**: Justin Vaïsse (Director General of the Paris Peace Forum) participated in the Ministerial Roundtable, calling for stronger global cooperation and multi-actor processes to govern global transition minerals value chains.

- **Finance in Common Summit, Cape Town (February)**: The initiative organized a side-session focusing on the role of International Financing

Institutions and Multilateral Banks in funding transition minerals projects.

- **OECD Forum on Responsible Minerals Value Chains, Paris (May)**: Justin Vaïsse participated in the Opening Ministerial Roundtable, calling for an International Agreement on the Management of Mineral Resources. The Initiative also organized an in-person meeting of its Special Advisors and a cocktail.
- Throughout the year, the Global Council presented its work to the **International Nickel Study Group** (June), spoke at the **OECD Government Foresight Community Annual Meeting** (October), and participated in key events including the **African Mining Indaba** in Cape Town (February), the **World Resources Forum** (September) and the **IGF Mining** in Geneva (November), and **Raw Materials Week** in Brussels (November).

Finally, the initiative strengthened synergies with other Paris Peace Forum activities, enabling the Council to deepen engagement with governments and project implementers. Key highlights included targeted policy briefings to diplomatic missions in Paris and the selection of complementary Scale-up Projects aligned with the Global Council's mission, such as the Madini Project (2025) and the Association of Women in Mining Africa (AWIMA) (2026).

Climate Overshoot Commission

In 2025, the Climate Overshoot Commission (COSC) advanced its strategic efforts to establish a first-mover coalition on the governance and research of Solar Radiation Modification (SRM). This included systematic government mapping conducted in cooperation with key partners to refine the coalition's strategic positioning.

Although the aim had been to launch the coalition at the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum, the political moment proved premature. Preparatory work nonetheless laid a strong foundation, and evolving political dynamics suggest that 2026 may offer a more conducive environment for forming a coalition essential to global SRM governance.

Therefore, at the **8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum**, and in place of the coalition launch, the Commission organized the first science-led panel on "**SRM & Development: Estimating the Upside, Confronting the Limits**", which brought together leading scientific and political voices. The discussion featured H.E. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakw (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ghana), Pascal Lamy (Chair of the Climate Overshoot Commission), Michael Obersteiner (Scientific Advisor to the Commission and Director of the Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford), Oliver Morton (Editor, The Economist), and Ana Yang (Director of the Environment and Society Centre, Chatham House).

This session marked a tangible shift in the global SRM discourse. While debates have historically centered on governance and ethics within the Global North, the panel underscored a move toward pragmatic, risk-based assessment emerging from the Global South. The intervention from Ghana's Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, captured this evolution: for highly climate-exposed nations with limited adaptive capacity, SRM is increasingly considered not as a speculative technological experiment but as a potential macroeconomic stability instrument.

Despite persistent funding constraints, the Commission's efforts this year focused on positioning the organization for decisive progress in shaping coherent and inclusive global SRM governance, laying the groundwork for significant advancement in the year ahead.

4.3 Emerging technologies

Cyber and Emerging Tech Governance Program

In 2025, the Paris Peace Forum transitioned from a facilitative role to a structuring one, actively shaping global conversations on the governance of AI-driven cyber risks and contributing to the development of emerging international policy frameworks. Over the

past year, the Cyber and Emerging Tech Governance Program delivered several key achievements.

The program advanced **international governance of AI-driven cyber risks through the AI-Cyber nexus workstream**, which was launched by the Paris Peace Forum on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly in September 2024. This initiative coordinated a multi-month collaborative effort that brought together leading experts and practitioners in artificial intelligence and cybersecurity from both technical and policy communities in preparation for the Paris AI Action Summit in February 2025. The work resulted in the policy report, "Forging Global Cooperation on AI Risks: Cyber Policy as a Governance Blueprint.", which addresses the risks associated with adversarial uses of AI in cyberspace through international governance frameworks. The report was developed through extensive consultation within the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace community and was launched at the AI Action Summit on 11 February 2025. Its impact was further strengthened through targeted follow-up events, and it now serves as a foundational framework for continued engagement under this workstream by establishing concrete pathways for global cooperation on AI security challenges.

In 2025, the program also supported the **global response to the proliferation of commercial cyber intrusion capabilities and spyware (CCIC)**. Since 2022, the Paris Peace Forum has played a leading role in addressing proliferation challenges in cyberspace, including the spread of commercial cyber intrusion capabilities. High-level dialogues convened by the Forum directly facilitated the launch of the Pall Mall Process by France and the United Kingdom in 2024. In close cooperation with both governments, the Forum played a central role in organizing and delivering the second annual Pall Mall Process conference in Paris in April 2025. The conference reached a major milestone with the adoption by 26 states of a Code of Practice designed to coordinate national responses to the proliferation of commercial cyber intrusion capabilities. The Forum will continue its strategic engagement with the initiative throughout 2026, supporting broader efforts to develop shared norms and responsible safeguards in response to this rapidly evolving threat landscape.

The following high-level events and dialogues were organized in support of the program's policy priorities:

- **AI Action Summit, Paris (February)**: The Paris Peace Forum convened a roundtable on "Charting the International Governance of the AI-Cyber Nexus", featuring leading experts, including Yoshua Bengio (Turing Award 2018 and Co-President and Scientific Director, LawZero), and key organizations in AI security, such as Palo Alto Networks, Trend Micro, Microsoft, World Economic Forum, WithSecure, and the Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative. The roundtable brought together around 40 participants.

- **Geneva Cyber Week, Geneva (May)**: The Paris Peace Forum organized a roundtable, "From Summits to Solutions: Advancing Multilateral Action on AI-Driven Cyber Risks," bringing together senior diplomatic and international organization representatives, including ambassadors of France and India to the Conference on Disarmament and the Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, alongside international digital policy experts from the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the CyberPeace Institute, and the University of Oxford. The roundtable gathered 50 participants.

- **8th Edition of the Paris Peace Forum, Paris (October)**: The initiative convened a high-level discussion, "From Safety to Security: Governing Adversarial Use of AI," featuring Jacinda Ardern (Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Patron of the Christchurch Call), Yoshua Bengio (Co-President and Scientific Director, LawZero), Vilas Dhar (President and Trustee, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation), Nicholas Butts (Director, Global Cybersecurity and AI Policy, Microsoft), and Robin Geiss (Director, UNIDIR). The initiative also organized the seminar "From Disruptive Code to Restrained Conflict: Governing the War-to-Peace Continuum of Emerging Technologies," in

partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross, Access Now, and the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies. The seminar brought together 50 participants.

The iRAISE Initiative

The Paris Peace Forum, in partnership with everyone.ai, launched the International Research-driven Alliance for AI Serving Every child (iRAISE) initiative at the AI Action Summit on 10 February 2025 to advance the responsible development of artificial intelligence for children. This global initiative represents a major step toward ensuring that AI systems support, rather than undermine, children's well-being and development.

Children represent approximately one quarter of the global population, yet their needs remain largely underrepresented in debates on AI governance. Without intentional design and appropriate safeguards, AI technologies risk harming the very generation they are expected to empower. iRAISE addresses this gap by promoting digital environments that are beneficial, inclusive, and supportive of children's cognitive and emotional development.

The initiative brings together researchers, industry leaders such as OpenAI, Google, Anthropic, Hugging Face, and Vivendi, as well as governments including France, Denmark, Norway, Chile, Mexico, Bulgaria, Senegal, Togo, and Iceland, alongside leading civil society organizations and foundations, including the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation, Common Sense Media, 5Rights Foundation, UNICEF, and UNESCO, to promote the development of AI systems designed with the needs of young users in mind.

Grounded in neuroscience and child development, the initiative fosters collaborative platforms for knowledge sharing, supports the development of beneficial AI applications, contributes to the establishment of standards, and informs evidence-based policies guiding the responsible use of AI technologies affecting children.

At the **8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum**, organized in partnership with everyone.ai, a **roundtable titled "Forging the Future: A Dialogue on Beneficial AI for Children, Starting with Principles"** brought together leading policymakers, researchers, and industry representatives to advance discussion on responsible AI for children. Participants included Clara Chappaz (Former Minister of State, French Republic), Chloe Setter (Child Safety Public Policy, Google), Irakli Beridze (Head of the Centre for AI and Robotics, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute), Lauren Jonas (Head of Youth, OpenAI), Laurence Devillers (Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Sorbonne University), and Eric Salobir (Chairman of the Executive Committee, Human Technology Foundation). The discussion was moderated by Anne-Sophie Seret (Executive Director, everyone.ai) and Mathilde Cerioli (Chief Scientist, everyone.ai).

The Forum also convened a panel discussion, "**What Does AI Owe Children? iRAISE's Proactive Approach for Beneficial AI for Children**," featuring Cécile Aptel (Deputy Director, UNICEF), Lauren Jonas (OpenAI), and Michael Preston (Director, Sesame Workshop Joan Ganz Cooney Center).

5 Communications

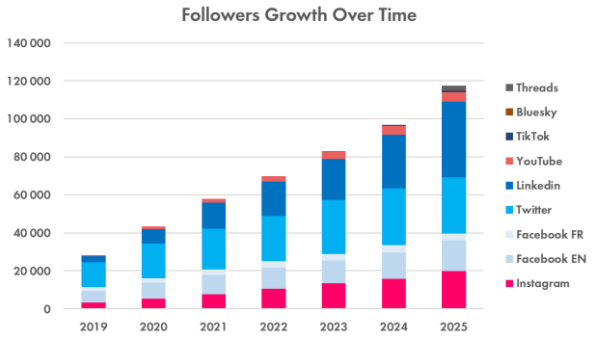
5.1 Year-Round Communications Activities

Rebranding

The transformation of the Forum following the recommendations of the strategic review (PPF 2.0) translated, from a communications standpoint, into a full rebranding process, including a new visual identity with a modernized logo and updated graphic charter, as well as the creation of a comprehensive brand platform and an institutional messaging framework. A new institutional video presenting the Forum's mission, vision, and long-term strategic direction was also produced.

Growing Digital Communications

This identity was rolled out across all digital platforms, contributing to the Forum's digital community growth of 20.7K followers, surpassing 100K and reaching approximately 117.6K by the end of November. New accounts were also launched on Threads and Bluesky, expanding the Forum presence on emerging platforms.



To diversify its editorial presence, new content formats were introduced, while established formats such as This Week in Review and quote cards were maintained.

More than ten videos and interviews were released throughout the year to highlight the Forum's policy initiatives, covering topics including childhood, development finance, nutrition, agriculture, and artificial intelligence.

Projects selected for the AI Action Summit and the 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum were highlighted through dedicated videos and interviews, helping showcase their work and increase their visibility. A targeted digital campaign was also developed to spotlight the 10 SCUP 2024–2025 projects, coordinating these features with relevant international awareness days aligned with each project's focus.

By strengthening its digital presence, the Paris Peace Forum increased its visibility and fostered engagement with a broader audience, contributing to discussions on global cooperation and governance.

In 2025, the Paris Peace Forum launched the second season of its podcast, 60' Diplo. The first episode, focusing on cyber threats, was published in December on YouTube and all major listening platforms, with new episodes scheduled to be released monthly. The series follows an editorial line aligned with the Forum's core themes and features a range of high-level panelists.

Press Relations

The various high-level events in which the Forum was involved provided strategic opportunities to amplify press relations around our key initiatives. Throughout the year, we issued targeted press releases to highlight newly published reports, key milestones, and side events linked to our initiatives on development, tech, and childhood. We also distributed several press releases around the Call for Solutions, to announce the call's opening and to share the results.

In addition, Justin Vaïsse (Founder and Director General of the Paris Peace Forum) maintained a strong media presence throughout the year, giving numerous interviews across print (Le Monde, Le Nouvel Obs), radio (France Inter, France Culture), and television (Arte, France 24) on a wide range of political and international issues, including US foreign policy and developments in the Middle East.

5.2 Annual Event

Digital Impact of the annual Forum

The 8th edition of the Paris Peace Forum generated strong engagement across social media platforms. Between October 28 and October 30, 2025, the Forum published 168 posts across its platforms, generating 428,281 organic impressions and an engagement rate of 12.21%. This represents a significant increase compared to 2024, particularly on LinkedIn, where engagement reached 30%, reflecting a highly active community and a strong capacity to mobilize audiences.

On LinkedIn, engagement more than tripled compared to 2024 (+209%), while on X the engagement rate also exceeded the previous year's performance, peaking at 7.2% during the event (compared with 1.9% in 2024). Over the three-day period, the Forum's digital community grew by 1,687 followers.

In terms of content performance, the most effective formats during the Forum were VIP announcement carousels and photo carousels published throughout the event.

Eleven content creators attended the event, resulting in approximately 135 pieces of content published across platforms and generating an estimated 3,544,870 impression. In 2025, the Forum engaged a compensated content creator, MisterGeopolitix, who produced several stories and two reels, collectively reaching an estimated 320,000 followers and contributing to the Forum's digital outreach strategy.

Media Coverage of the annual Forum

The 8th edition of the Forum resulted in twice as many journalists being accredited compared to the smaller 2024 edition. A total of 66 media outlets were represented, approximately one-third of which (20) were from France, including Le Monde, Les Échos, Le Grand Continent, TF1, TV5 Monde, and France Médias Monde.

Media monitoring tools identified nearly 2,000 articles covering the event, double the number produced for last year's one-day edition. The geographical distribution of media coverage was more balanced than in 2024. France, Turkey, and the Democratic Republic of Congo were the main contributors, with 20.5%, 13%, and 7% of coverage, respectively. Other notable contributors included the United States (6%), Ghana (5.8%), Armenia (4%), and South Africa (3.5%).

The main topics covered by the media included the Forum itself, issues in the Great Lakes region, the Paris Declaration on information integrity and independent media, and climate.

6 Governance

Founded on 9 March 2018, the Paris Peace Forum is a non-profit association established under French Law of 1901 and headquartered in Paris. As an independent organization, it is governed by international bodies that determine its strategic, legal, and budgetary orientations, which are subsequently implemented by the Permanent Secretariat.

6.1 General Assembly and Executive Committee

The General Assembly

The General Assembly determines the principal legal and budgetary orientations, approves the annual accounts, and adopts amendments to its bylaws. The members of the General Assembly are listed in alphabetical order:

- **Aga Khan Development Network**, represented by Prince Amyn Aga Khan
- **Ángel Gurría**, President of the Association
- **European Commission**, represented by Ms. Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General for International Partnerships
- **The Federal Republic of Germany**, represented by Ms. Julia Monar, Director General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, PeaceBuilding and Humanitarian Assistance at the German Federal Foreign Office
- **Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia**, represented by Mr. Dino Patti Djalal, Founder and Chairman
- **The Kingdom of Spain**, represented by H.E. Victorio Redondo Baldrich, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to the French Republic
- **Mexico Evalúa**, represented by Ms. Mariana Campos, Director General
- **Michel Duclos**, Treasurer of the Association
- **Microsoft**, represented by Mr. Christopher Sharrock, Vice President for UN Affairs and International Organizations
- **Mo Ibrahim Foundation**, represented by Mr. Pascal Lamy, Member of the Board
- **Open Society Foundations**, represented by Ms. Laura Silber, Vice President for External Relations and Office of the Chair
- **The Republic of France**, represented by Mr. David Bertolotti, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- **The Republic of Kenya**, represented by H.E. Betty Cherwon, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to the Republic of France
- **Research and Information System for Developing Countries**, represented by Mr. Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General
- **Sciences Po**, represented by Mr. Jeremy Perelman, Vice-President for International Affairs and Professor
- **Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique**, represented by Mr. Hicham El Habti, President

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee oversees all activities of the Association, including the organization of its annual event, defines the program, and approves partnership agreements. The members of the Executive Committee are listed in alphabetical order (elected among members of the General Assembly):

- **Aga Khan Development Network**, represented by Prince Amyn Aga Khan
- **Ángel Gurría**, President of the Association
- **European Commission**, represented by Ms. Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General for International Partnerships
- **Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia**, represented by Mr. Dino Patti Djalal, Founder and Chairman
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The **Executive Committee Board** is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Executive Committee. Elected by the Executive Committee in March 2024, the current Board comprises five members: **Ángel Gurría** (President), **Mariana Campos** (Vice President), **Dino Patti Djalal** (Vice President), **Pascal Lamy** (Vice President), and **Michel Duclos** (Treasurer).

6.2 Steering Committee

The Steering Committee brings together high-level representatives from civil society, political institutions, international companies, and research institutes who play a key role in strengthening international cooperation. Members are selected for their professional expertise and personal commitment to advancing global governance. They serve as ambassadors for the Forum's mission, contribute to the annual programme, and engage with SCUP project leaders through workshops. The members of the Steering Committee are:

- **Trisha Shetty**, Founder and President, SheSays; President of the Steering Committee, Paris Peace Forum
- **Celso Amorim**, Chief Advisor to the President, Federative Republic of Brazil
- **Valerie Guarnieri**, Assistant Executive Director for Programme and Policy Development, World Food Programme
- **Gabriela Hearst**, Environmentalist; Creative Fashion Director, Gabriela Hearst
- **Yursa Mardini**, Olympic Swimmer
- **Mari Pangestu**, Professor of International Economics, University of Indonesia; Former Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships, World Bank
- **Gabriela Ramos**, Former Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- **Laura Thompson**, Assistant Director General for External and Corporate Relations, International Labour Organisation
- **Huiyao Wang**, Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization
- **Igor Yurgens**, Director, Center of Sustainable Development, MGIMO

6.3 Permanent Secretariat

The Permanent Secretariat is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Executive Committee and reports directly to the General Assembly and Executive Committee.

Based in Paris, the Permanent Secretariat operates under the leadership of its Director General. It is organized into eight departments: Administration, Communications, Public Relations, Operations, Partnerships and Fundraising, Policy, Programming, and Projects.

6.4 Endowment Fund

At its 8th edition, the Paris Peace Forum launched an Endowment Fund to ensure long-term stability and support its growth strategy. The Fund's first pledge of ten million euros came from the Aga Khan Development Network, a founding member of the Paris Peace Forum. Justin Vaïsse serves as President of the Fund.

7 The Circle of Partners

Benefactors are essential to enabling the Paris Peace Forum to carry out its mission. This group includes philanthropic foundations, companies, development banks and agencies, governments and international organizations committed to strengthening global governance. Their financial support, in-kind contributions, and hands-on participation in the Forum's activities help ensure the annual event's success and amplify the impact of its initiatives and projects.

In 2025, the Paris Peace Forum received support from **43 benefactors**. Depending on the amount of their contribution, benefactors may join the Circle of Partners, which is organized as follows:

- **Strategic Partners**: contributions of €500,000 or more
- **Main Partners**: €300,000 to €500,000
- **Grand Partners**: €150,000 to €300,000
- **Partners**: €50,000 to €150,000

Strategic Partners

Main Partners

Grand Partners

Partners

Partners

The Forum's 34 institutional partners - spanning international organizations, think tanks, research centers, and event platforms - are instrumental in expanding its global influence. Their collaboration enhances the Forum's international visibility, fosters expertise sharing, and anchors it within the agenda of major global events, ensuring relevance and impact on the world stage:

Institutional partners

Academic partners

The following **9 organizations** served as academic partners of the Paris Peace Forum.

Event partners

The following **9 organizations** served as event partners of the Paris Peace Forum.

Media partners

2025, we renewed eight major media partnerships, continuing our collaborations with AFP, Caixin, CNN, Devex, GZERO, Politico, TV5Monde, and Foreign Policy, while also establishing a new partnership with Le Grand Continent.

8 Financial information

	2024	2025	Variation
Resources	7 546 280 €	9 635 560 €	2 089 280 €
Resources from partnerships and grants of the Association	7 513 403 €	9 631 456 €	2 118 053 €
Other Products	32 877 €	4 104 €	- 28 773 €
Charges	7 455 716 €	9 569 327 €	2 113 611 €
Event	2 063 440 €	3 652 702 €	1 589 262 €
Other events	439 346 €	648 844 €	209 498 €
Communication	148 633 €	184 399 €	35 766 €
Mobility funds	34 672 €	67 195 €	32 523 €
Human resources, consultants, and associated charges	3 858 489 €	4 183 503 €	325 014 €
General and other expenses	911 136 €	832 684 €	- 78 452 €
Remaining	90 564 €	66 233 €	- 24 331 €

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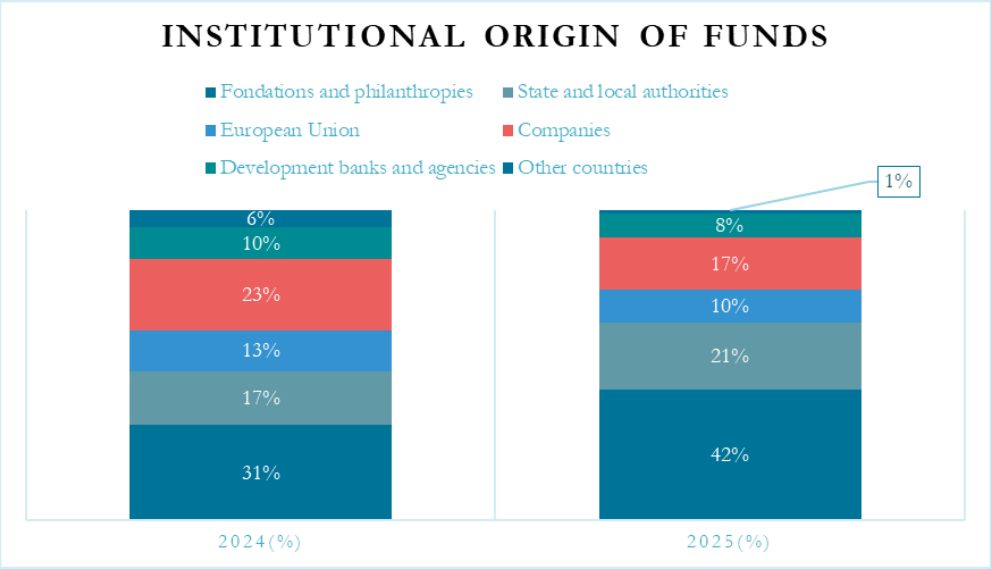

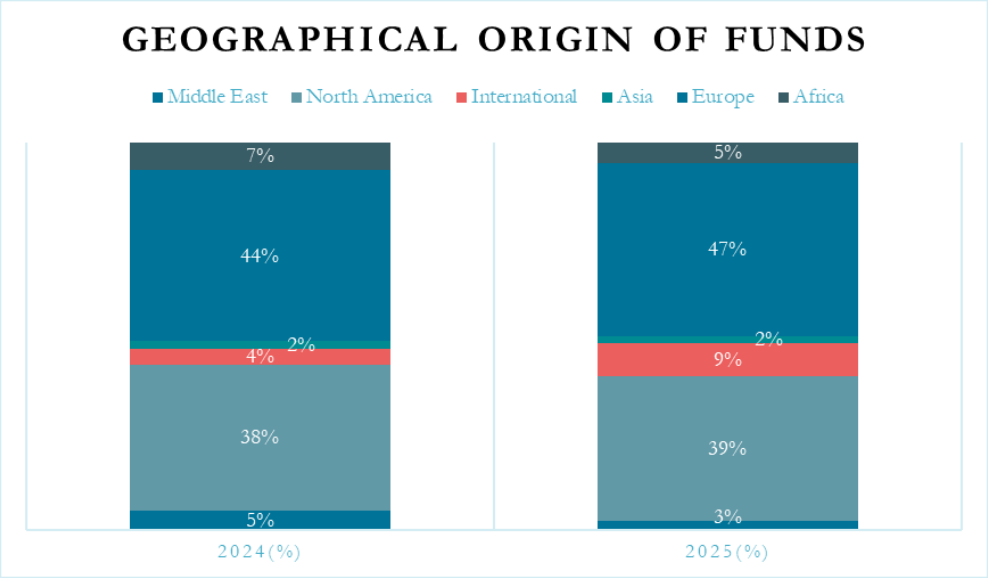

The Association is financed primarily through fundraising, which includes contributions from partnerships established by the Paris Peace Forum, and French public subsidies.

In 2025, the share of revenue from North American contributors increased to 39%, up from 38% in 2024. The proportion from Europe also rose, reaching 47% compared to 44% in the previous year. In contrast, the share of revenue from Africa declined to 3% from 5%, while the Middle East remained stable at 2% over the same period.

9 Annexes

9.1 Annex 1 – List of the 2025 Call for Solutions Selection Committee

Gaurav AGGARWAL, Vice President and Chief AI Scientist, Reliance Jio

Shawn BAKER, Chief Program Officer, Helen Keller International

Facundo ETCHEBEHERE, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Ambition Loop

Delphine EYRAUD, Deputy to the President's Special Envoy on Climate/Environment for the 10 Years of the Paris Agreement, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Fabienne HARA, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum (Chair)

9.2 Annex 2 – List of 2024-2025 SCUP Mentors

One of the first pillars of the SCUP program is the mentoring of projects by renowned personalities in their field of activity, who provide advice and recommendations to support their development and activities. The 2024-2025 mentors are as follows:

Farid BADDACHE, Chief Executive Officer and co-founder, KSAPA

Nick CAIN, Vice President, Strategy and Innovation, The Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

Jon CLAY, Vice President of Threat Intelligence, Trend Micro

John FRANK, Expert on Global Legal and Public Affairs and Former Senior Vice President, Chief Public Affairs Officer at Illumina

Michelle FUNK, Head of the Unit on Policy, Law, and Human Rights in the Department of Mental Health, Brain Health, and Substance Use at the World Health Organization (WHO)

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

Fabienne HARA, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum

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

Marcela JARAMILLO, Executive Director, 2050 Pathways Platform

Alexis LAFFITTAN, Partnerships Manager, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Hans Peter LANKES, Managing Director and Deputy Chief Executive, Overseas Development Institute (ODI); Visiting Professor in Practice, London School of Economics – Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Stefano MANSERVISI, Former Director General (DG DEVCO), Chair of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund Board, and Special Advisor to the President of the Paris Peace Forum

Louis MARÉCHAL, Senior Advisor, Minerals and Extractives, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Gulnora MUKHAMADIEVA, Global Lead for Gender, The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)

Pauliina MURPHY, Engagement and Communication Director, World Benchmarking Alliance

Meredith PRESTON MCGHIE, Secretary General, Global Centre for Pluralism

Anthony RICHTER, Senior Fellow, Bard College's Center for Civic Engagement

Samer SALIBA, Director of City Practice, Mayor Migration Council, former SCUP Project leader

Asbjorn WEE, Senior Strategy and Operations Officer, Africa West and Central Vice-Presidency, World Bank

9.3 Annex 3 – List of the Call for AI projects Selection Committee

Led by a distinguished committee of AI experts, the Forum's Call for AI projects culminated in the announcement of 50 groundbreaking projects showcased at the AI Action Summit on 10-11 February 2025. The Call for AI projects Selection Committee members are as follows:

Rachel ADAMS, General Director and Founder, Global Center on AI Governance

Eric ADJA, President, The Francophone Agency for Artificial Intelligence

Nick CAIN, Vice President of Strategy & Innovation, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

Nighat DAD, Executive Director, Digital Rights Foundation

Fabienne HARA, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum (Chair)

Teresa HUTSON, Corporate Vice President, Technology for Fundamental Rights, Microsoft Corporation

Alexandre MIRLESSE, Special Advisor, AI, Paris Peace Forum

Gabriela RAMOS, Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

Fabrizio SCROLLINI, Acting Co-Executive Director, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap

9.4 Annex 4 – List of 2025-2026 SCUP Selection Committee

The selection process for the new SCUP cohort was curated by a dedicated jury of SCUP mentors, whose members are as follows:

Nick CAIN, Vice President, Strategy and Innovation, The Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

Jackson KIMANI, Former CEO, Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A), Project leader of "African Farmers as Climate Entrepreneurs," former SCUP Project leader

Fabienne HARA, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum (Chair)

Thomas MELONIO, Executive Director of Innovation, Strategy, and Research, Agence française de développement (AFD)

Anthony RICHTER, Senior Fellow, Bard College's Center for Civic Engagement, Former Director of Special Initiatives, Open Society Foundations.

Trisha SHETTY, Founder, SheSays, President of the Paris Peace Forum Steering Committee

9.5 Annex 5 – Description of the 2025-2026 SCUP projects

Agroforesterie et Reforestation Communautaire | Actions pour le Développement et l'Entrepreneuriat
Implemented in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Addresses deforestation and soil degradation caused by mining and intensive agriculture by promoting community-led agroforestry and reforestation to restore ecosystems, enhance climate resilience, and create sustainable income alternatives for local communities.

Community & Livelihood Support in Afghanistan | Uplift Afghanistan
Implemented in Afghanistan

Supports vulnerable Afghans, especially women and girls, people with disabilities, and marginalized groups, amid ongoing crises. Jointly led by Uplift and Community-Driven Development Organization (CDDO), the project delivers accountable aid, including digital payments, food aid, and cash-for-work to reduce displacement and promote resilience.

Disinformation Radar for the Balkans | Metamorphosis Foundation for Internet and Society
Implemented in Albania, North Macedonia, & Serbia

Regional initiative that uses AI to monitor and counter disinformation campaigns fueling ethnic and political tensions, aiming to strengthen democratic resilience, promote responsible digital behavior, and institutionalize early-warning systems across the Western Balkans.

Fagnako Agroforesterie & Energie Renouvelable | Canopy Energies
Implemented in Madagascar

Aims to restore 10,500 hectares of degraded land in eastern Madagascar through agroforestry centered on the resilient Pongamia tree, creating thousands of jobs, improving food security, and offering a scalable model for land restoration across Africa.

MIT Climate Pathways Project | MIT Climate Policy Center
Implemented internationally

Leverages the En-ROADS and C -ROADS interactive simulations and research insights to advance the adoption of evidence-based climate policy through leaders in the public and private sector. The project is a collaborative effort of the MIT Climate Policy Center, MIT Sloan Sustainability Initiative, and Climate Interactive.

Passerelle | Mission AI
Implemented in France

Multilingual, AI-powered platform co-designed with NGOs to ensure displaced people can safely access protection, health, and legal services by bridging language gaps through contextual AI translation and human interpreter support.

Powering Change: Women & Critical Minerals | Association of Women in Mining in Africa (AWIMA)
Implemented in Senegal, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Aims to empower African women in the critical minerals value chain by providing training, market access, and ESG integration, while fostering partnerships to promote inclusive and sustainable mineral development across key resource-rich countries.

RAISE SEA | AI Safety Asia (AISA)
Implemented in South Asia

AI-powered scenario platform that helps Southeast Asian leaders anticipate and prepare for region-specific AI disruptions through collaborative workshops and governance playbooks, promoting a cooperative "Asia Way" approach to mitigate catastrophic risks and ensure a safer AI future.

The Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) | AKADEMIYA2063
Implemented in Morocco, Rwanda, and Senegal

Open-access AI-driven platform that provides satellite-based, real-time forecasts of staple crop production across 47 African countries to improve food security, climate resilience, and crisis response while strengthening Africa's data sovereignty.

Zuzi AI: Inclusive & Safer Digital Spaces | Gender Rights in Tech NGO
Implemented in South Africa

Multilingual, trauma-informed chatbot co-created with marginalized communities in South Africa to provide discreet, accessible support on gender -based violence, legal rights, and digital safety, bridging critical gaps in care for survivors of gender-based violence, including tech-facilitated abuse.

9.6 Annex 6 – List of 10-10-10 Dinners

The A&O Shearman Dinner

Can Multilateralism Survive Populism and Global Polarisation?

The rise of populist and far-right movements is reshaping the global political landscape - from Europe to the Americas and beyond. What begins as a domestic political trend weakens democratic institutions, and fuels polarization at home, has direct consequences on foreign policy. It reinforces nationalistic and protectionist policies, undermines trust in multilateral institutions, and complicates collective responses to crises and global challenges such as climate change, migration, and security.

Hosted by A&O Shearman and the Paris Peace Forum, this high-level 10-10-10 dinner will bring together policymakers, scholars and civil society voices to explore how populism affects diplomacy and multilateralism, and what strategies can safeguard cooperation in an era of domestic-driven international fragmentation. The discussion will also consider ways to defend - and potentially reimagine - international institutions considering these intertwined internal and external challenges.

The OCP Group Dinner

Is there a future for civil nuclear in Africa?

Long seen as impossible, this question deserves to be revisited as both the energy and political landscapes evolve. Several African countries have built a solid legal and regulatory environment. And a few hold significant uranium reserves including Morocco, where uranium is found in phosphates. For now, the continent is mostly a uranium exporter - but could it leverage these resources for its own benefit, towards a future of greater energy sovereignty and less carbon emissions?

The path forward is not without challenges. Nuclear development demands a strong legal, institutional, and political framework, as well as long-term stability. While some countries are ready, others could advance in related areas such as specialty products, batteries, or uranium processing before enrichment. At the same time, the emergence of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) may reshape the economics and feasibility of nuclear power across the continent. Against this backdrop, the central question remains: will Africa remain only an exporter of uranium, or can it chart a course toward a nuclear future?

Organised by OCP Group and the Paris Peace Forum, this high-level 10-10-10 dinner will bring together leaders, experts, industrials, and scientists to debate these issues and explore the role of nuclear in Africa's energy future.

The Sciences Po Dinner

A Decade After Paris: Turning Promises into Policy

As the world marks the tenth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, a milestone in global climate governance, the question of how to translate commitments into concrete, lasting policies remains pressing. Despite growing public awareness and unprecedented pledges, implementation often lags behind ambition, and the gap between targets and action continues to widen. At a time when the impacts of climate change are accelerating and public trust in multilateral processes is being tested, this exclusive high-level dinner will bring together policymakers, scholars, and experts to reflect on the lessons of the past decade and identify the conditions for effective climate action.

Co-hosted by Sciences Po and the Paris Peace Forum on the occasion of the Forum's 8th edition and the launch of the Paris Climate School, the discussion will explore how international cooperation, innovation, education and inclusive governance can drive the transformation needed to meet global goals - moving from promises to policy, and from ambition to measurable impact.

The Cité internationale universitaire de Paris Dinner

Academic Freedoms Under Pressure: Protecting Knowledge Through New Coalitions?

While the Academic Freedom Index 2025 reveals a decline in 34 countries, including long-standing

democracies, scholars and institutions face urgent questions about how to develop strategies and build new coalitions to safeguard and reinforce academic freedoms worldwide. At a moment marked by challenges to scientific integrity and the spread of misinformation, this exclusive high-level dinner will convene experts and practitioners to explore ways for the academic community and its partners to strengthen protections for researchers, uphold institutional autonomy, foster responsible international collaboration, and guide the formulation of policies addressing emerging digital and ethical challenges.

The European Commission – Foreign Policy Instrument Dinner

Unmasking disinformation: strategies, tools, and asymmetries in the global information sphere

In today's contested information environment, the struggle over narratives is defined by deep asymmetries. Authoritarian regimes have demonstrated a remarkable ability to penetrate democratic information spaces, while open societies often struggle to deliver credible messages in environments where access and amplification are tightly controlled. At the same time, emerging technologies including artificial intelligence are transforming both the spread of disinformation and the tools to counter it, raising urgent questions of resilience, regulation, and strategy.

This private dinner will bring together policymakers, experts, and practitioners to reflect on these challenges. The conversation will explore which strategies and technologies succeed in cutting through noise to reach audiences, why authoritarian actors have been so effective in exploiting democratic vulnerabilities, and how innovation and collaboration can help strengthen trust and resilience in the global information sphere.

The INALCO Dinner

Mediating Conflicts in the Digital Era

In today's complex global landscape, conflicts are becoming simultaneously more fragmented and more interconnected. Identity dynamics, ethnic, religious, cultural, or civilization – are increasingly instrumentalized in crises, while technological innovations such as artificial intelligence and digital tools are transforming how conflicts are analyzed, negotiated, and resolved. In this context, mediators face the dual challenge of navigating identity-driven divides while adapting to rapidly evolving technological tools, raising critical questions about the legitimacy, inclusiveness, and effectiveness of international mediation.

This private dinner will bring together a select group of experts, academics, and practitioners to reflect on these pressing challenges. Participants will engage in a conversation on how AI and digital tools are reshaping mediation practices, the opportunities and risks they create, and how they intersect with the complexities of identity in contemporary conflicts. The discussion will explore strategies for innovation and adaptation, highlighting how mediation actors can preserve their essential role in the age of AI.

The International Chamber of Commerce Dinner

From Strategic Deals to Shared Solutions: Shaping the Future of Materials Governance

The recent U.S.–DRC critical minerals deal illustrates how resource nationalism is reshaping global markets and conflict dynamics, with consuming nations seeking to lock in access through exclusive deals, while producing countries attempt to capture more value. Similar dynamics can be seen in export bans, tariffs, and other restrictions, all of which fuel fragmented supply chains and geopolitical rivalry.

This dinner will explore how to move from such fragmented, transactional measures toward shared mechanisms of cooperative governance of materials and minerals - through greater data availability, supply chain transparency, and multilateral trade reforms. These efforts should help transcend zero-sum national imperatives in favor of our collective climate, development, and peace goals.

The Eurasia Group & Microsoft Dinner

Navigating AI's Security Frontier with Multistakeholder Dialogues

At the 2025 Paris Peace Forum, where global cooperation is mobilised to tackle challenges from cyber threats to climate change, this high-level roundtable will focus on the intersection of AI and cybersecurity. As AI systems rapidly evolve, their dual-use potential creates new risks, from cyberattacks on critical infrastructure to misinformation and transnational cybercrime. This Paris Peace Forum dinner will bring together leaders in technology, science, and national security to chart practical paths for international collaboration on AI security, ensuring that AI diffusion builds trust, safeguards societies, and supports global stability.

The Boston Consulting Group & Devex Dinner

Advancing multilateralism with new coalitions of the willing

In an era of geopolitical fragmentation and institutional fatigue, advancing international cooperation demands fresh approaches and agile partnerships. Traditional forms of multilateralism — while foundational to decades of progress in peace, health, and prosperity — must evolve to meet today's complex challenges and changing geopolitical landscape. New "coalitions of the willing" offer a pragmatic and dynamic model: small, multi-actor groups capable of bypassing gridlock, building trust, and catalyzing wider global consensus. From the Montreal Protocol to the Paris Agreement, history shows that meaningful impact often begins with such focused collaboration before scaling globally. This dinner will convene leaders from across sectors to explore learnings from recent coalitions and how adaptable, inclusive, and purpose-driven coalitions can reimagine the practice of multilateralism — bridging divides and delivering tangible progress for people and the planet.

The AKDN Dinner

Towards a United Syria: Making Reconstruction a Path to Reconciliation

After more than a decade of devastating conflict and the fall of Bashar al-Assad's regime, Syria now faces existential challenges – from rebuilding shattered institutions to addressing the deep social fractures left by the war.

On 11 July 2025, His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, Imam of the Ismaili community and Chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network, and President Emmanuel Macron of France signed a declaration of intent to support Syria's peaceful transition, protect human dignity, respond to urgent humanitarian needs, and invest in long-term recovery – including economic revitalization, health, culture, and the reintegration of displaced communities.

Building on this commitment, this high-level 10-10-10 dinner, convened by His Highness and the Paris Peace Forum, will examine how reconstruction can advance reconciliation, safeguard minorities, and restore social cohesion. Policymakers, academics and experts will explore actionable strategies to promote stability, resilience, and an inclusive future for Syria.

The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs Dinner

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