PRESS RELEASE

Paris Peace Forum

Pascal Lamy appointed new President of the Paris Peace Forum
Second edition to be held on 11 to 13 November 2019 at la Grande Halle de La Villette


Pascal Lamy, who served as the first Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Paris Peace Forum, was elected President of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of the six organizations that founded the Forum (IFRI, Institut Montaigne, Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires étrangères, Sciences Po, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Körber Foundation).

The Steering Committee, composed of sixteen high-levels experts of global governance from around the world, is now chaired by Trisha Shetty (India) and co-chaired by Igor Yurgens (Russia). Its role is to formulate recommendations on the objectives and the organization of the Forum as well as to make it known worldwide. Martin Tisné (United Kingdom) is joining it as its 16th member.

Justin Vaïsse was appointed Director-General of the Forum and will take up his duties on 18 March 2019.

In 2018, the first edition of the Paris Peace Forum had a considerable impact by convening 65 Heads of State and Government, 10 leaders of international organization and more than 6,000 representatives of civil society for three days. The event was inaugurated by Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron who called, one hundred years after World War I, for collective action to address the pressing issues of the 21st century and reminded the audience of lessons drawn from the past.

Following the first call for projects, 860 applications from 116 countries and 20 international organizations were received. 121 projects were selected to be presented and discussed at the event, ten of which were chosen to benefit from a one-year support.
For its second edition from 11 to 13 November 2019, the Paris Peace Forum will rely on the elements that contributed to the success of the first edition and made it a truly unique event. In the face of increasing global challenges and persistent threats to multilateralism, the Paris Peace Forum continues to act as a convening power to bring together all committed actors and as an incubator to help advance concrete solutions for better global governance, with the same:

- **Objectives**: to encourage international cooperation and collective action for a world at peace.
- **Means**: to showcase, discuss and advance innovative and concrete solutions.
- **Focus**: to strengthen, update or create new rules, standards and good practices.

The annual call for projects of the Paris Peace Forum aims to identify projects and initiatives that are at an advanced stage of their development or in an early phase of implementation, led by various actors of global governance from around the world, in the areas of peace & security, development, environment, new technologies and inclusive economy.

This year, the call for projects will be extended to a new theme “culture & education” which will also be the sixth village of the event. All project leaders will be invited to submit their application from 13 March to 13 May 2019 to present their project in Paris in November. The launch of the call for projects will be preceded by a press briefing on 12 March 2019.

**Pascal Lamy**  
**President of the Executive Committee**  
Pascal Lamy served for two consecutive terms as Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) from 2005 to 2013. In 2016, he was appointed President of the French Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC). Since 2014, he is President of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics. He also serves as President emeritus of the Jacques Delors Institute as well as in various positions related to European and international affairs.

**Trisha Shetty**  
**President of the Steering Committee**  
Trisha Shetty is a social activist and lawyer from Mumbai, India. She started SheSays, a non-profit organization working for gender equality through youth and civic-society engagement. Her organization works on public safety, security, quality education, good health and well-being, digital literacy, sanitation, public policy and advocacy through a gender-sensitive lens. She is also one of the 17 UN Young Leaders for the SDGs and an Obama Foundation Scholar at Columbia University.

**Igor Yurgens**  
**Vice-President of the Steering Committee**  
Igor Yurgens is the Chairman of the Management Board of the Institute of Contemporary Development (INSOR), a member of the Management Board of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, among other organizations.
Martin Tisné  
**Member of the Steering Committee**

Martin Tisné is Managing Director at Luminate. Alongside the Obama White House, he founded the Open Government Partnership and helped it grow to a 70+ country initiative. He also initiated the International Open Data Charter, the G8 Open Data Charter and the G20’s commitment to open data principles. He is the co-founder of Publish What You Fund. He is a board member of the Open Data Institute as well as a Steering Committee member of the Transparency and Accountability Initiative which he founded.

Justin Vaïsse  
**Director-General**

Justin Vaïsse will soon be leaving his position as Director of the Centre d’analyse, de prévision et de stratégie (CAPS), the policy planning staff of the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which he led since 2013. A French historian, the author of numerous books on international affairs, he was a Senior Fellow and Director of Research at the Center on the US and Europe at the Brookings Institution from 2007 to 2013.

**About the Paris Peace Forum**

The Paris Peace Forum is the first international platform for global governance solutions. It focuses on improving the organization of our world to address its most pressing challenges in the areas of peace & security, development, environment, new technologies, inclusive economy and culture & education.

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