WITH ITS SECOND EDITION THE PARIS PEACE FORUM CEMENTS ITS POSITION AS A KEY GLOBAL GOVERNANCE EVENT

Paris, 13 November 2019 – For its second edition, the Paris Peace Forum hosted 136 official delegations, with some 30 heads of state and government and more than 15 heads of international organizations, including the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President-elect of the European Commission. For three days (11-13 November 2019), more than 7,000 participants gathered at la Grande Halle de la Villette and attended 80 high-level debates and discovered 114 projects across 6 categories (Peace & Security, Development, Environment, New technologies, Inclusive economy, and Culture & Education).

“In one year, we have succeeded in establishing the Paris Peace Forum as a major event in global governance,” says Pascal Lamy, president of the Paris Peace Forum. “The Forum’s approach is unique. By bringing together a wide range of stakeholders around solution-oriented projects, we are well on the path of building the tools of a new diplomacy.”

As was the case for the 2018 edition, a call for projects was launched to select innovative initiatives. Nearly 700 applications from more than 100 different countries were submitted, among which 114 projects were chosen to take part in the second edition of the Forum. Within the dedicated Space for Solutions, these projects exchanged with public and private stakeholders and presented their concrete answers to international challenges.

At the end of the Forum, ten projects were chosen by a jury led by Stefano Manservisi, former Director-General for International Cooperation and Development at the European Commission1 to benefit from dedicated and customized support for a full year. This support covers the areas most likely to help these projects grow and become sustainable, from introducing them to international partners, sourcing funding, raising their visibility, contributing to their advocacy efforts and supporting the implementation of the respective projects.

“Our objective is to incubate local solutions to enable them to scale up. Each in their own field, the ten projects we are going to support [see box below] contribute to shaping new solutions to the major challenges of our time”, states Trisha Shetty, president of the Paris Peace Forum’s Steering Committee.

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1 Others jury members are Nathalie Delapalme (Chair of the 2019 Selection Committee), Edna Jaime (Executive Committee member), Olivier Lavinal (Scale-up Committee member), Joe Powell (2019-2020 Scale-up Committee member), Trisha Shetty (Chair of the Steering Committee and Scale-up Committee member), Alexandre Stuzmann (Scale-up Committee member), Justin Vaisse (Director General of the Paris Peace Forum).
“With this second edition, the Paris Peace Forum cements its unique status as an international summit, a high-level conference, and a platform for solutions at the same time. Tomorrow, we will further strengthen our role as an incubator because solutions can no longer come solely from states but must stem from grassroots coalitions of actors. The Paris Peace Forum offers a platform to the projects and initiatives that build peace in the world of tomorrow,” concludes Justin Vaïsse, the Forum’s director general.

The third edition of the Paris Peace Forum will take place from 11-13 November 2020, at la Grande Halle de la Villette.

**List of the 10 scale-up projects 2019-2020:**

**Youth driving democratic change**  
*Olso Center*  
Youth Assemblies is a concept initiated in Mombasa, Kenya, which engages youth to take an active part in driving peaceful, democratic change in society. The concept builds on local mechanisms for dialogue and consultations, using parliamentary structure and procedures where issues of concern for the youth and suggested solutions, are brought forward to the duty-bearers and stakeholders. The actions taken and results are reported back to the youth. The work and methodology developed is unique, and encourages holding the government and stakeholders accountable, youth raising their voices and taking their place in society, as well as building and encouraging a culture of democracy.

**The Abidjan Principles**  
*Right to Education Initiative*  
The Abidjan Principles unpack existing human rights law regarding the obligations of States to provide public education and to regulate private involvement in education. It is a key reference tool on the right to education in the context of the growing commercialization of education worldwide.

**Sustainable cities Program**  
*Sustainable Cities Institute (SCI)*  
The Sustainable Cities Program (SCP) works to build awareness and mobilize Brazilian cities to adopt and implement a sustainable agenda. The SCP takes a pioneering role in the implementation and municipalization of SDG in Brazil, through a comprehensive set of indicators in 13 thematic axes. It addresses public administration via an integrated perspective, including social, environmental, economic, political, and cultural dimensions. It also provides cities with inspiring practices. The program covers 215 committed cities, adding up to 61 million people in Brazil. As part of the process, the governor/mayor commits to develop a diagnosis and put forward a Goals Plan for the four years in office, assuring participation, transparency and commitment towards sectoral plans and policies. It aims to change the political culture to ensure the full implementation of rights to reduce socio-territorial disparities.

**Model drug law West Africa**  
*Global Commission on Drug Policy*  
The Model Drug Law for West Africa provides policy makers with concrete guidance on how to make changes towards evidence-based, balanced and effective national drug laws that are grounded in the principles of human rights and human security, social inclusion, public health, development, and civil society engagement. It complies with international obligations and includes best practice from around the world.
Global High Seas Treaty
High Seas Alliance (HSA)
The 2020 deadline to establish a new global treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of the high seas is fast approaching. The goal of the High Seas Alliance is the establishment of a new robust treaty that has an effective framework that fills in current governance gaps for the successful management and conservation of biodiversity in the high seas. A robust treaty would have benefits, not just for livelihoods and species in the high seas, but for citizens and ecosystems around the world, while also demonstrating that multilateralism and the rule of law can still work for the greater good.

Ultra-poor graduation initiative
BRAC USA
It’s time to shift the way we think about extreme poverty and the way the development sector addresses it. BRAC’s Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative (UPGI) aims to focus on the needs of those in extreme poverty and build commitments to holistic, high quality and effective responses so the poorest can move toward sustainable livelihoods with dignity. Graduation programming was pioneered in Bangladesh, has been implemented in 14 countries to date and its innovation is based on the world's largest and longest Randomized Control Trials (RCT). Through an innovative business model, BRAC offers technical expertise to governments to build inclusive programs to scale. BRAC UPGI advocates via partnerships, coalitions and donors for a global shift in priority toward the extreme and ultra-poor.

Rapid Response Mechanism for Higher Education in Emergencies
Global Platform for Syrian Students
The Rapid Response Mechanism for Higher Education in Emergencies (RRM) is a multi-stakeholder project in the making, aimed at providing more, better, and faster academic opportunities for students who are either in vulnerable situations or face humanitarian emergencies created by wars, conflicts, and natural disasters.

Principles for inclusive peace
Interpeace
After identifying some of the fundamental challenges to current peace processes, there is a need to re-think the way these processes are conceived and structured. This project aims to commence a global participatory process that will establish a new normative framework with standards to guide inclusive and effective peace processes.

SADA's Women cooperative
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), International Labour Organization (ILO)
SADA Women’s Cooperative aims to strengthen the resilience of refugee women and girls and their host communities. Based in Gaziantep, a Turkish city only 50 km from the Syrian border, the cooperative provides income generation and fosters social cohesion through its inclusive and democratic business model, hiring refugee and Turkish women. Operating in three sectors, the cooperative is active in the production of leather shoes and bags, Syrian and Turkish food, and home textiles. While currently building market links within Turkey, the cooperative aims to reach out to international markets.

Festival à Sahel Ouvert
Association Globe
To implement educational, public health, social cohesion or environmental protection programs with local populations, GLOBE leans on the arts and artists. All these actions are highlighted during the 'Festival à Sahel Ouvert', a major event that brings together villagers, up-and-coming artists and celebrities, NGOs and partners, in order to prove that culture can support sustainable development. Through theatre, dance, music, cinema, GLOBE’s aim is to
preserve cultural heritage, create resources, new routes, train young people and foster economic development at the heart of rural life in Senegal.

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