ARTICLE 1 – BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Built on the idea that international cooperation is key to address current global challenges and ensure sustainable peace, the Paris Peace Forum aims at gathering annually, under one roof, all actors of global governance: heads of state and government, international organizations, local governments, non-governmental organizations, foundations, companies, media, trade unions, religious groups and other members of civil society.

Each year, governance projects proposing concrete solutions to tackle global challenges are presented in the Space for Solutions of the Forum and discussed through original debate formats. The solutions highlighted at the Forum stand out by their international and cooperative dimension, and their capacity to create sustainable change.

For the selected project leaders, the Forum represents a unique opportunity to move their initiative forward, by presenting it in front of all participants, connecting with decision-makers and potential funders, as well as taking part in various debates.

Moreover, the Paris Peace Forum is conceived as a long-lasting process: beyond each edition of the event, the Paris Peace Forum supports the scaling up of some of the most relevant and promising governance projects and multi-stakeholder initiatives. At the occasion of each edition of the Forum, ten projects are selected to benefit from customized support from the Paris Peace Forum Scale-up Committee, which is composed of renowned experts from key institutions.

In 2020 however, due to the extraordinary circumstances created by the Covid-19 pandemic, in particular the restrictions to travel and large gatherings that may remain in place in November, it is possible that some of the selected projects may not be able to travel to Paris. In this case, they will be offered a digital presentation package with innovative features and tools of interaction and networking with all participants. They will also receive the Paris Peace Forum 2020 label and be considered by the jury of the Scale-up Committee for support throughout 2021, on an equal basis with the projects presented in Paris.

On 12 March, the Paris Peace Forum launched its annual Call for Projects in preparation for its third edition, which will be held on 11-13 November, in Paris as well as in digital format. Traditionally, governance projects presented in the Space for Solutions of the Forum are linked to at least one of the following themes:

- Peace & Security
- Environment
- Development
- New Technologies
- Inclusive Economy
- Culture & Education

This year, given the extraordinary context of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Forum will put forward projects and initiatives meant to respond to the Covid-19 crisis, improve our collective resilience and build a more robust and sustainable world. Particular attention will be paid to the governance of health (e.g. alert systems, vaccine distribution, the strengthening of local health systems), the use and regulation of digital tools and platforms to improve our response to the crisis, and the support to civil society and economic activity, in times of pandemics.

In addition, the Paris Peace Forum will consider projects that do not fall under this priority, especially those related to the following themes:

- Constructing more solid security architectures
- Reconciling development finance with climate efforts
- Crafting sustainable capitalism
- Protecting the oceans
- Making outer space safe and sustainable
- Securing cyberspace
- Regulating the use of data and AI
- Enhancing the governance of education
- Ensuring gender equality
- Improving access to fresh water
Organizations implementing concrete and innovative solutions to address these issues are highly encouraged to apply to this year’s Call for Projects.

ARTICLE 2 – ELIGIBILITY

The projects submitted as part of this Call for Projects should meet all of the six following conditions:

- Be presented by an organization and not by an individual person. This condition shall be interpreted broadly and encompasses different types of organizations such as states or governments, regional or local governments, parliamentarians, international organizations, non-profit organizations (non-governmental organizations, international non-governmental organizations, charity organizations), private sector (corporations, private banks), development banks or agencies, foundations or philanthropic organizations, media or press, religious organizations, trade unions or professional organizations, think tanks, universities, academic or research institutes.

- Be managed by a minimum of two persons who can come to Paris to present the project throughout the duration of the whole event (11-13 November 2020), in case the overall travel and circulation circumstances at that time allow it.

- Propose a concrete solution to address a transnational challenge. Projects should be either (1) normative (creation of legal instruments, global standards or principles, index, labels, classification or ranking tools, best practices); (2) or capacity-building (innovative institutions, models, approaches, mechanisms, methodologies or organizational tools).

- Be related to one of the six themes of the Space for Solutions of the Forum (listed above).

- Offer a cooperative approach, ideally involving various stakeholders.

- Have reached a certain level of advancement: being at an advanced conception stage or in an early implementation phase.

THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES ARE NOT CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CALL FOR PROJECTS:

- Projects which do not have an international dimension, addressing solely national or local governance issues, with no scaling-up potential or capacity to be replicated in other contexts or regions.

- Academic research papers or presentations of new ideas lacking an organizational framework or concrete action plan to carry them out.

- Projects which are at an embryonic stage of conception or which seem unrealistic to be implemented in the near future.

- The presentation of an overall framework program rather than a concrete project as well as general fundraising campaigns.

ARTICLE 3 – TERMS OF SUBMISSION

- Application procedure:

Applying for this Call for Projects is free of charge.

Applications should be submitted through the dedicated online platform, following completion of the application file on the Paris Peace Forum website: https://parispeaceforum.org/.

The Selection Committee will not examine any application submitted outside of this procedure.

An acknowledgment of receipt confirming the successful submission of the application will be sent by email to all applicants.

- Language of application:

Application files shall be written in one of the two languages of the Forum, either in French or in English.

Applications submitted in any other languages than French or English will not be examined by the Selection Committee.

- Timeline:
This Call for Projects is open from Thursday 12 March to Tuesday 12 May 2020, at 6pm (Paris time)/ 5pm (GMT).

While the date of submission does not affect a project’s chances to be selected, early applications are highly encouraged.

No application received after 12 May 2020, at 6pm (Paris time)/ 5pm (GMT) will be registered nor examined by the Selection Committee.

- **Admissibility criteria:**

  To be admissible, all applications shall be sent through the online form. Project leaders should provide the mandatory information requested on the online application form, being as specific as possible while answering the questions.

  The Selection Committee will assess the relevance of the projects based only on the information contained in the application form.

  Prior to submitting their application, applicants are highly encouraged to read the FAQ which is accessible on the Paris Peace Forum website, and read the content of the projects showcased at the previous editions of the Forum.

  The Paris Peace Forum association retains the right to contact applicants to request any additional information, or the submission of any complementary documentation to be shared with the Selection Committee.

  Moreover, the Paris Peace Forum association reserves the right to regard as inadmissible any application which is in contradiction with the object and purpose of the Forum, without having to justify such decision.

- **Contact:**

  Applicants can report any technical difficulties occurring at the stage of the application process, by writing to the following address: project@parispeaceforum.org.

**ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- **Selection Committee:**

  Eligible applications, which are considered admissible according to the provisions of Article 3 of these Rules, are examined by the Selection Committee, which is composed of the six following experts

  - Ms. Haifa Dia Al-Attia
  - Mr. Yves Arnoldy
  - Mr. Nicolas Bauquet
  - Ms. Edna Jaime Treviño
  - Ms. Trisha Shetty
  - Mr. Justin Vaisse

- **Timeline:**

  Throughout the duration of the Call for Projects, the Paris Peace Forum Secretariat will register all applications received and send eligible applications randomly to members of the Selection Committee for assessment.

  The Selection Committee is scheduled to convene on 25 June 2020 (to be confirmed) to choose the list of projects which will be showcased at the third edition of the Forum, following a collective decision-making process.

  The selected projects will be officially announced on 1 July 2020 (to be confirmed) on the Paris Peace Forum website.

  All applicants will be informed by email of the decision taken by the Selection Committee.

  The Paris Peace Forum association as well as members of the Selection Committee will not respond to any information requests regarding the outcome of applications during the entire application procedure and selection process.

- **Selection Criteria:**

  The Selection Committee will assess the relevance and overall quality of each application for a presentation at the Paris Peace Forum, according, firstly, to the six eligibility criteria listed above, and, secondly, to the following criteria, which are not cumulative:

  - the political relevance of the challenge tackled;
  - the results and scope of its impact;
  - its universality, potential for development, expansion or replication;
  - the diversity and number of stakeholders involved;
  - the innovative character of the solution or tool proposed;
  - its feasibility;
  - its capacity to serve the common interest.

  In making its choice, the Selection Committee will also take into account the main objectives (geographical,
functional and thematic diversity), the editorial line and priorities of the Paris Peace Forum for 2020.

**ARTICLE 5 – COMMITMENTS OF SELECTED APPLICANTS**

If their project is selected, project leaders commit themselves to comply with the timeline and deadlines indicated by the Paris Peace Forum association following the announcement of the selected projects:

- Confirm their participation in the Paris Peace Forum.

- Provide the names of the persons who will be in charge of presenting their project in November 2020, throughout the duration of the whole event. Each project’s team shall be composed of a minimum of two persons, and of a maximum of three persons. **Special attention is given to gender balance**, most notably for the project representatives coming to Paris. If this objective cannot be met, project leaders will be required to provide an explanation of the reasons for this.

- Submit for validation and production the information and visual elements which will be displayed on the stand provided to each project’s team or in the digital space provided for the virtual presentation of the project.

- Support the costs associated with their trip to Paris, for those able to come in person, throughout the duration of the Forum transport and housing costs, as well as meals (excluding lunches, which will be provided for project leaders at the Forum during the event).

- For the projects coming to Paris, pay a **participation fee of €2,000 (excluding VAT)** covering the costs associated with the basic set-up and customization of their stand (including the visual elements presenting the project), as well as access to specific spaces and services, restricted to project leaders, within the premises of the Forum. Additional equipment (optional) can be added to the basic set-up provided to all project leaders, upon request and at the expense of project leaders: any additional costs incurred shall be borne by project leaders. For the projects benefitting from the digital presentation package, pay a **participation fee of €500** (excluding VAT) covering customization costs.

- For all projects, given the uncertainty surrounding travel conditions to Paris and the possibility all might have to present from home, **confirm they can get access to broadband Internet** in order to enjoy the interactive tools of presentation and networking that will be put at their disposal.

The participation fees and/or any financial expenses resulting from the participation of the project in the Forum may be covered by a partner of the project, which will be permitted to display its logo on the project stand (following express validation by the Paris Peace Forum association).

**Potential support provided by the Paris Peace Forum to selected projects, upon request:**

Should selected project leaders be unable to afford the costs associated with their participation in the Forum, or to secure external support from partners, they may contact the Paris Peace Forum association to explore sponsorship opportunities.

Any request for financial support, to cover the participation fees, transport and/or housing costs resulting from the participation of a project in the Forum, shall give rise to a **specific and motivated request**, processed in accordance with the procedure set by the Paris Peace Forum association.

The Paris Peace Forum cannot guarantee to be in a position to satisfy all requests for financial support. In some cases, partial financial support may be offered.

The Paris Peace Forum may deliver, upon request, an invitation letter to support the visa request submitted by a selected project leader who confirmed participation in the Forum (in case travel to Paris is indeed an option). Project leaders commit themselves to initiate the necessary steps related to their visa request as soon as possible. Moreover, the Paris Peace Forum association shall not be liable for any refusal of visa application that may be notified to a selected project leader by the competent authority.

**ARTICLE 6 – PERSONAL DATA**

In the framework of this Call for Projects, the Paris Peace Forum association commits to comply with the regulations applicable to the processing of personal data, and in particular, to comply with the provisions of the French Act No. 78_17 of 6 January 1978, as modified, as well as with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the
European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC ("General Data Protection Regulation").

At all times, applicants have an individual right to oppose, access, modify, rectify and delete their personal data, by writing to:

Association Forum de Paris sur la Paix
164 rue de Vaugirard
75015 PARIS