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On 26 March, the Paris Peace Forum launches its annual Call for Projects in preparation for its fourth edition, which will be held on 11-13 November 2021.

Applications are welcome **until 23:59 Paris time (CEST) on 9 May 2021**, and a maximum of 80 projects are expected to be selected.

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 global challenges are invited to the Forum's Space for Solutions and contribute to debates. The solutions highlighted at the Forum are beyond the conception stage and stand out by their international and cooperative dimension, and their capacity to create sustainable change in global governance.

For Selected Project leaders, the Forum represents a unique opportunity to benefit from (1) visibility and exposure through a physical and/or virtual stall; (2) a place on a virtual and/or physical debate stage to share their views on the global governance issue they tackle; and (3) an opportunity to interact with and meet experts and decision-makers in their field.

Moreover, the Paris Peace Forum's support to governance projects extends beyond each edition of the event. Each year, 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 and aims to support the scaling up of some of the most relevant and promising governance projects.

Due to the uncertainties linked to the evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic, **project leaders' participation at the fourth edition of the Forum could be physical, hybrid or virtual**. Selected Projects will all be offered a digital

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presentation package with innovative features and tools to interact and network with other participants, though all may not be able to be physically present at *La Grande Halle de la Villette in Paris*. Either way, all projects will receive the Paris Peace Forum 2021 label and be considered by the jury of the Scale-up Committee for support throughout 2022.

This year, the Forum invites applications exclusively from projects working on one of the following themes:

1. Fighting against the Covid-19 crisis:
 - 1.1. Health governance to fight the Covid-19 crisis and prevent future pandemics
 - 1.2. Responses to the socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic
 - 1.3. Leveraging digital tools to fight the pandemic and its effects
2. Better governing the global commons:
 - 2.1. Ocean governance
 - 2.2. Space governance
 - 2.3. Climate risk mitigation
3. Better governing the digital world:
 - 3.1. Algorithmic governance
 - 3.2. Tools and cooperation for cybersecurity
4. Fighting fake news and threats to the press
5. Protecting the civic space in times of Covid-19
6. Achieving equality between men and women
7. Strengthening South-South cooperation
8. Reforming capitalism through the impact economy

Prior to submitting their application, applicants are encouraged to review our [FAQ](#) on the Paris Peace Forum website, as well as [the projects showcased](#) at the previous editions of the Forum.

ARTICLE 2 – ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be **presented by an organization** and not by an individual person. This condition shall be interpreted broadly and encompasses various

types of organizations such as states or governments, regional or local governments, parliaments, international organizations, non-profit organizations, private sector organizations, development banks or agencies, philanthropic organizations, media, religious organizations, trade unions or professional organizations, think tanks, universities, academic or research institutes.

- Be managed by a **minimum of two persons** who commit to presenting the project throughout the Forum (11-13 November 2021), including by traveling to Paris if the sanitary situation allows.
- Be **related to one of the priority themes** for transnational action for the Space for Solutions of the fourth edition of the Forum (listed above).
- Have reached a **certain level of advancement**: being at least in the pilot stage with some (even tentative) implementation ongoing, and not just in the conception or startup stage.).
- Involve concrete, tangible, and distinct action, which excludes, for instance:
 - Academic research or papers presenting ideas without plans for implementation,
 - An overall framework or organizational program rather than a concrete project.
- Are not applying with a view to request funding from the Paris Peace Forum.
- Have an international dimension, or at least if local or national involve actors or resources from other countries.

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

- Projects which do not have any international characteristic.

- Academic research or papers lacking concrete implementation.
- Projects which are at an embryonic stage of conception or seem unrealistic to be implemented soon.
- The presentation of an overall framework program rather than a concrete project as well as general fundraising campaigns.

The Paris Peace Forum reserves the right to regard as inadmissible any application which it considers to not be in line with the object and purpose of the Forum, without having to justify such decisions.

ARTICLE 3 – TERMS OF SUBMISSION

- **Application procedure:**

Applying for this Call for Projects is **free of charge**.

Applications should be submitted by completing an online form: <https://project.parispeaceforum.org/>. The Selection Committee will not examine any application submitted outside of this procedure.

While applicants may save draft versions of their applications and re-visit their forms multiple times, only completed and submitted applications will be considered. All mandatory questions need to be completed for the application to be submitted. An acknowledgment of receipt confirming the successful submission of the application will be sent by email.

The Paris Peace Forum 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.

- **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:**

Applications can be submitted **until 23:59 CET (Paris time) on 9 May 2021**.

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

No application received after the deadline will be registered or examined by the Selection Committee.

- **Contact:**

Applicants can report **any technical difficulties** with the application process at the following address: project@parispeaceforum.org.

ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

- **Selection Committee:**

Applications which the Paris Peace Forum Permanent Secretariat considers eligible according to the provisions of Articles 2 and 3 above will be examined by the Selection Committee composed of the six following experts:

- Ms. Aysha Abdulhameed Al-Mudahka, Qatar Foundation
- Professor Abdoulaye Bathily, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- Mr. Mark Gray, European Commission Directorate-General for International Partnerships
- Mr. Akhtar Iqbal, Aga Khan Foundation
- Ms. Ivana Milovanovic, World Health Organization
- Mr. Justin Vaisse, Paris Peace Forum

- **Timeline:**

The Selection Committee will make a collective decision on projects to be showcased at the Paris Peace Forum.

Selected Projects will be officially announced the week of **19 July 2021** on the Paris Peace Forum website. All applicants will also be informed by email of the decision taken by the Selection Committee.

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

- **Selection Criteria:**

The Selection Committee will assess **each eligible application** according to the following criteria:

- **Overall quality of the project**
 - Feasibility and coherence
 - Credibility and capacity
 - Impact
- **Relevance of the project to the Paris Peace Forum's priorities and approach**
 - Universality, global or international relevance
 - Multi-stakeholder, governance dimension
 - Innovative or unique character
 - Value for the project to be presented at the PPF

In making its choice, the Selection Committee will also consider the need for geographic, functional, and thematic diversity, in line with the Paris Peace Forum's editorial line and priorities for 2021.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITMENTS OF SELECTED APPLICANTS

If their project is selected, project leaders commit to:

- **Comply with the process developed by the Paris Peace Forum** for project leaders' registration, including meeting requested deadlines for:
 - Confirming participation
 - Providing names of the (two to five) project representatives who will attend the event for its entire duration, either virtually or in-person. Gender balance is sought within project teams.
 - Paying the project leader **participation fee of €1,000 (excluding VAT)** for the set-up and customization of their virtual and, if the sanitary situation allows, physical stall, the visibility and access offered to their project, as well as access to specific spaces and services restricted to project leaders.
 - Submit for validation and production the information and visual elements which will be displayed on the physical or virtual stall and are required for the event registration.
- **Cover all costs associated with their trip to Paris** (for in-person attendees) throughout the Forum.

- Ensure **they can get reliable access to broadband Internet** to enjoy the interactive tools of presentation and networking available in case of virtual participation.

Should Selected Project leaders be unable to afford their participation in the Forum or to secure external support from partners, they may contact the Paris Peace Forum to request a sponsorship. Any request for financial support is expected to be fully justified, submitted in accordance with the procedure which will be communicated following selection, and could cover participation fees, and/or other costs linked to attendance. 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 of travel to Paris). Project leaders commit themselves to initiate the necessary steps related to their visa request as soon as possible. The Paris Peace Forum shall not be liable for any refusal of visa application from relevant authorities.