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Wrapping up the fourth edition of the Paris Peace Forum and announcing the 10 Scale-up projects

For the fourth consecutive year, the Paris Peace Forum gathered the most important actors in global governance for a unique hybrid edition from November 11 to 13 to advance concrete solutions to the enormous challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and to improve global coordination in times of Covid-19.

The Official Ceremony of the Paris Peace Forum

The 2021 Paris Peace Forum convened heads of state and government as well as NGO leaders and CEOs of global companies to attend the Official Ceremony on 11 November.



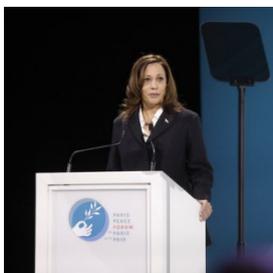
"There is a clear need for the expansion of vaccine manufacturing in Africa."

– Muhammadu Buhari,
President of Nigeria



"We have no option but to secure vaccines for millions that do not have access to them."

– Sheikh Hasina, Prime
Minister of Bangladesh



"In the 21st century, addressing inequality is a strategic imperative for each of us. For our security and our health, our shared prosperity, and our collective future."

– Kamala Harris, Vice President
of the United States



"Giving strength to effective multilateralism means setting regular milestones to see where we stand."

– Emmanuel Macron,
President of France

[Watch the Official Ceremony](#)

The fourth edition in numbers

- 15 000 participants online and 1,000 in Paris
- 1,400 NGOs represented
- 45 heads of state and government and leaders of international organizations
- 74 debate sessions
- 80 projects showcased

Initiatives within the framework of the Paris Peace Forum

Launch of the "Net Zero Space" initiative

On the occasion of the 2021 Paris Peace Forum, actors from all over the world concerned by the long-term sustainability of outer space launched the "Net Zero Space" initiative. This new initiative calls for achieving sustainable use of outer space for the benefit of all humankind by 2030 by taking concrete actions to tackle the pressing challenge of reducing debris orbiting Earth.

Outer space is a vital component of critical services for our daily life and contributes to solving global challenges, but the increase of activities in outer space has come with the rise in the amount of space debris. If space activities were to keep developing at this pace without clear actions to ensure the long-term sustainability of outer space, humankind would risk closing off the way to the final frontier for good.

The Paris Peace Forum is happy and honored to collaborate with space stakeholders around the globe to foster international, multi-actor collaboration to protect Earth's orbital environment and contribute to global efforts in making outer space sustainable in the longer term. Arianespace, Astroscale, CGSTL/Chang Guang Satellite, CNES, EUSST, Eutelsat, ISIS BV, Planet, Share my Space, Spaceable are today paving the way to ensure sustainable use of outer space before it is too late. We hope to see many other actors join us in this task.

[The Net Zero Space Initiative: Preserving Earth's orbital environment for all](#)

International Call to stand up for children's rights in the digital environment

The place of digital technology in our lives is far greater than it was when the Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted. While digital technology opens up unique opportunities for children, it can also expose them to new threats, such as cyberbullying or exposure to illegal or hateful content online.

The Paris Peace Forum hosted the launch of an international Call to stand up for children's rights in the digital environment. French President Emmanuel Macron and UNICEF, along with seven other states, a dozen non-governmental organizations, and most of the major digital platforms (including Amazon, Google, YouTube, Meta, Microsoft, Dailymotion, Qwant, Snap, and Twitter) signed this Call and committed to enabling children to use digital tools safely and benefit from their full potential without being exposed to abuse through a series of actions.

[Paris Agenda for Technology and the Digital Domain](#)

US and EU join the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace

The Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace, launched on 12 November 2018 at the Paris Peace Forum, is a call to come together to face the new threats endangering citizens and infrastructure. It is based on nine common principles to secure cyberspace, which provide areas for discussion and action.

The Paris Call invites all cyberspace actors to work together and encourage states to cooperate with private sector partners, academia, and civil society. The 1,200 supporters of the Paris Call (80 states, more than 700 companies, 350 civil society organizations) commit to working together to adopt responsible behavior and implement within cyberspace the fundamental principles which apply in the physical world.

As part of their participation in the 2021 Paris Peace Forum, Vice President Kamala Harris and President Ursula von der Leyen announced the United States and the European Union's historic decision to support the Paris Call.

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A new International Fund for Public Interest Media to enable the development, sustainability, and independence of public interest media

Independent public interest media matters now more than ever. It is a critical building block for healthy democracies everywhere. It is fundamental to countering the malicious spread of mis- and dis- information, to free and fair elections, and ensuring space where civil and democratic norms can thrive.

The International Fund for Public Interest Media (IFPIM) is a new initiative to create the step change needed to enable the development, sustainability, and independence of public interest media, especially in resource-poor and fragile settings. The Fund is co-chaired by Maria Ressa, 2021 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and New York Times President and CEO Mark Thompson.

[Enabling media markets to work for democracy](#)

The armed forces of 22 countries pledge to reduce their impact on the climate

Climate change represents an immense challenge for global security. Food insecurity, the multiplication of extreme weather events, the vulnerability of equipment and infrastructure are likely to cause large-scale social and international unrest. This challenge also affects the armed forces. The Paris Peace Forum brought together 22 Ministers of Defense from all continents to discuss the "Climate Change and the Armed Forces" initiative. This roadmap, the foundation for a growing coalition, aims to reduce emissions from armed forces, mitigate damage, and strengthen cooperation between states in the process of adapting armed forces to the impact of climate change.

[Fighting for survival: How the military can contribute to climate change efforts](#)

Announcing the 10 Scale-up projects

The Forum is not only about these large deliverables, but it also takes a bottom-up approach to accelerate concrete initiatives. The Paris Peace Forum continues to demonstrate that in a deteriorated international environment it is still possible to advance governance solutions, scale up projects and launch new initiatives. Since its creation, the Forum has supported and accompanied more than 300 projects that respond to the cross-border challenges of our time.

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 to benefit from a dedicated and customized support for a full year.



<p>Coral Reefs of the High Seas Coalition</p>	<p>This project led by Conservation International is a global alliance of partners that aims to generate the science, political support, and strategic communication that is necessary to protect coral reefs in the high seas.</p>
<p>Environmental Impunity Index Latin America</p>	<p>This project led by the Center on Impunity and Justice measures environmental impunity, considering crimes, harm, institutional capacity, policy mechanisms, and actual degradation at a subnational level in Mexico.</p>
<p>Workforce Disclosure Initiative</p>	<p>This project led by ShareAction improves the quality of jobs in multinational companies' operations and supply chains by enhancing corporate transparency and accountability. It supports SDG8: decent work for all.</p>
<p>Transforming Aid Delivery with Big Data</p>	<p>This project led by a partnership between the Ministry of Digital Economy of Togo, GiveDirectly, Innovations for Poverty Action and the Center for Effective Global Action is a digital payment program, leveraging artificial intelligence and mobile technologies to provide social aids to the most vulnerable, in Togo.</p>
<p>Supporting Arab Women at the Table (SAWT)</p>	<p>This project led by Arab Reform Initiative aims at increasing women's meaningful inclusion in peace processes in the MENA region by improving their ability to influence outcomes and establish post-conflict gender-egalitarian frameworks.</p>
<p>Civic Space Guardian</p>	<p>This project led by Directorio Legislativo consists of creating a web tool to alert and provide information on proposed laws or policies likely to impact civic space in Latin America.</p>

<p>Sentinel: A Pandemic Preemption System</p>	<p>This project led by the African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases is a pandemic and outbreak early warning and response system that detects viral threats in real-time and stop them before they spread.</p>
<p>OECD.AI Policy Observatory</p>	<p>This project led by the OECD is an inclusive hub for public policy on AI, helping countries and policymakers encourage, nurture, and monitor the development and use of trustworthy AI.</p>
<p>The DECIMALS Fund</p>	<p>This project led by the DEGREES Initiative aims to build the capacity of developing countries to evaluate Solar Radiation Management (SRM) geoengineering by giving support to scientists in the Global South while they study its potential effects.</p>
<p>Global Cities Fund for Inclusive Response</p>	<p>This project led by the Mayors Migration Council aims to respond to the unmet needs of cities as they support migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people during Covid-19.</p>

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