On March 28, the Paris Peace Forum will launch its annual call for solutions in the run-up to its fifth edition, which will be held tentatively in Paris on November 11-12, 2022.

The submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. CET on May 27, 2022, and 60 solutions will be selected.

**ARTICLE 1 – BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Founded on the idea that international cooperation is key to overcoming global challenges and ensuring lasting peace, the Paris Peace Forum’s mission is to bring together all actors in global governance – heads of state and government, international organizations, local governments, NGOs, foundations, businesses, the media, trade unions, religious groups, and citizens – so that every year and under one roof, they may engage in dialogue.

Each year, the Paris Peace Forum highlights governance projects or initiatives that propose specific solutions to global challenges. These projects have achieved significant results and are characterized by their international and multi-stakeholder dimension and the ability to bring about lasting change within global governance.

The selected projects or initiatives will be invited to the Space for Solutions at the Paris Peace Forum and will receive the Paris Peace Forum 2022 label. For leaders of the selected projects, the Forum will be a unique opportunity to: 1. Obtain international visibility and exposure thanks to the physical presence of their project during the event (stand or signage); 2. Take the floor during the event to speak about their work and/or share their views on the issue in global governance that they are addressing; and 3. Meet and discuss with experts and decisionmakers in their domain.

Additionally, the Paris Peace Forum’s support of governance projects extends beyond each edition of the Forum. Every year, the ten most relevant and promising governance projects are selected for customized support through our SCUP program.

We expect for project leaders to attend the fifth edition of the Forum in person, as long as the pandemic allows for this.

**2022 CALL FOR SOLUTIONS**

**Rules & Regulations**

This year, the Forum is accepting proposals of projects or initiatives on the following themes only:

1. Involving civil society in conflict resolution
2. Protecting civilians in times of war
3. Considering the social effects of the fight against climate change
4. Protecting the rights of indigenous people
5. Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) for economic development in the Global South
6. Curbing harmful content online
7. Fighting against art trafficking and protecting cultural heritage in armed conflicts
8. Making the digital economy work for women’s economic empowerment
9. Developing feminist foreign policies
10. Protecting the Earth’s orbital environment
11. Measuring the non-financial impact of companies
12. Preparing for pandemics: strengthening surveillance and rapid response within health systems

We recommend that candidates review the information available on the Paris Peace Forum website as well as the content of the projects presented during the previous edition before submitting their proposals.

**ARTICLE 2 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applications for this call for solutions must meet the following seven criteria, which should be understood to have a cumulative effect:

- Submitted by an organization and not an individual. This condition calls for a broad interpretation to include states or governments, local or regional governments, parliamentary organizations, international organizations, non-profits, private sector organizations, development agencies or development banks, charity organizations, the media, religious organizations, trade unions or professional organizations, think tanks, universities, and research institutes.

- Led by at least two people who confirm availability to prepare and present the project throughout the entire duration of the Forum (from 10 to 12 November 2022).
• Aligned with one of the priority themes of the fifth edition of the Forum (see above).

• Present a level of advancement: at least in the pilot phase with some implementation underway (may be preliminary), not just in the design or start-up phases.

• Involve a specific, tangible, and distinct action, which excludes the following: Academic research or work in the form of ideas without a plan for implementation; General frameworks or organizational programs rather than specific solutions.

• Do not apply with the aim of requesting funding from the Paris Peace Forum. The Paris Peace Forum does not finance projects (including projects presented at the event and projects supported as part of the SCUP program).

• Have an international dimension, or, at least, for local or national initiatives, involve actors or resources from other countries, and possess potential for credible international action.

Although candidates may save temporary versions of their request and return to their application multiple times, only completed and submitted submissions will be considered. All mandatory fields must be filled for the proposal to be considered. Project leaders will receive a confirmation of receipt of their submission via e-mail.

The Paris Peace Forum reserves the right to contact candidates in order to request any additional information or documents for sharing with the Selection Committee.

Organizations may submit any number of proposals as part of this call for solutions.

• Language requirements:

The application form must be filled out in one of the two languages of the Forum: French or English.

Applications submitted in a different language will not be examined by the Selection Committee.

• Timeline:

The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm CET on May 27, 2022.

The date of submission has no bearing on a project’s chances of being selected. We nevertheless strongly recommend submitting the projects as early as possible.

Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted or reviewed by the Selection Committee.

• Contact information:

Candidates may send inquiries about technical issues with submitting their applications to the following address:
project@parispeaceforum.org

ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

• Selection Committee:

Applications which the Permanent Secretariat of the Paris Peace Forum considers to be eligible as per the provisions of Articles 2 and 3 of these Rules will be reviewed by the Selection Committee composed of the following experts:

• Javier Ciurlizza, Regional Director for the Andean Region, Ford Foundation - in a personal capacity

• Nighat Dad, Executive Director of the Digital Rights Foundation and Member Facebook Independent oversight board

• Solomon Ayele Dersso, Chairperson and Commissioner, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights; Founding Director of Amani Africa
• **Mark Gray**, Head of the Political Strategy and Communication Unit, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (INTPA)

• **Fabienne Hara**, Secretary General, Paris Peace Forum

• **Naoko Ishii**, Professor, Executive Vice President at the university of Tokyo and Former CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility

**Timeline:**

The members of the Selection Committee will meet to select projects for presentation at the fifth edition of the Forum after a joint decision-making process.

The selected projects will be officially announced during the week of **July 19, 2022** on the Paris Peace Forum website. All candidates will also be notified via e-mail of the Selection Committee’s decision.

Throughout the selection process, the Paris Peace Forum and the members of the Selection Committee will not respond to any requests for information about the application procedure or results.

**Selection criteria:**

The Selection Committee will assess each eligible submission using the following criteria:

- **General quality of the project**
  - Feasibility and coherence
  - Credibility and potential
  - Impact

- **Relevance of the project to the priorities and approach of the Paris Peace Forum**
  - Universality, global or international relevance
  - Link with global governance, a cooperation-based approach, diversity of actors involved
  - Added value of the project (innovative, new, or unique)
  - Added value of presenting the project at the Paris Peace Forum

The Selection Committee will also base its choice on the geographic, functional, and thematic diversity, in line with the theme and priorities of the Paris Peace Forum for 2022. Particular attention will be paid to projects from Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.

- Respect the procedure developed by the Paris Peace Forum for the registration of project leaders, especially with regards to respect of the timeline:
  - Confirm their participation.
  - Provide the names of representatives of the project who will attend the event throughout its duration. The project teams must reflect a gender balance.
  - Pay participation fees for project leaders (€1000 pre-tax) that cover opportunities for visibility and exchange during the event as well as access to specific areas and services reserved for project leaders.
  - Submit content and images for approval and production to be able to present the project before and during the event.

• **Cover all costs of their trip to Paris** (for in-person participants) and throughout the duration of the Forum.

The Paris Peace Forum may provide grants to selected project leaders who are unable to cover, directly or through external funding, the costs of participating in the Forum. Any request for financial support must be fully substantiated and submitted as per the procedure stipulated upon selection and may lead to coverage of the costs of participation and/or other costs resulting from participation (transportation and/or housing). Under no circumstances may the Paris Peace Forum guarantee a favorable response to the requests for financial assistance which it receives. Priority will be given to requests submitted by **project leaders working in organizations of modest financial means, especially those from countries in the Global South**, whose participation in the Forum would require a significant mobilization of financial resources.

The Paris Peace Forum may issue upon request an invitation letter to support visa applications of any leaders of selected projects who have confirmed their participation in the Forum (if traveling to Paris). Project leaders shall start the visa application process as soon as possible. The Paris Peace Forum bears no responsibility for the rejection of any visa applications by the relevant authorities.

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**ARTICLE 5 – COMMITMENTS OF SELECTED PROJECTS**

The leaders of selected projects shall