



# PARIS PEACE FORUM

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A **Global**  
**platform**  
for **Governance**  
**projects**

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1<sup>st</sup> edition  
11 to 13 November 2018

# Our world is not going in the right direction

## **International cooperation is slowing down.**

States are competing hard for advantage and populism is undermining global governance. Military expenditures are growing fast while the UN budget is cut. International norms, in particular human rights, are disregarded and international justice is questioned. Globalization suffers from a lack of common standards and regulation. Once a tool of emancipation, the Internet is becoming a jungle dominated by abusive corporations, propagandists and hackers. And we are losing the race against global warming.

*“The first Paris Forum, which you are invited to attend on November 11, will offer the opportunity to reflect on world governance while we commemorate the end of World War I and recognize our collective responsibility... Let us never be sleepwalkers in our world, let us always be vigilant. I would like to extend my wishes for the New Year with a plea for a determined and enduring collective action.”*

**French President  
Emmanuel Macron**  
4 January 2018

# Peace is intimately linked with global governance

## **Peace is not just the suspension of war.**

It is made up of all the solutions that help minimize international tensions: cooperation to fight climate change and resource scarcity, institutions to channel power rivalries and administer global public goods, justice to assuage grievances and frustration, regulation to address inequalities and abuses of power.

The Paris Peace Forum is envisioned as a recurring, annual event to promote governance solutions in five key issues:

- **PEACE AND SECURITY**
- **ENVIRONMENT**
- **DEVELOPMENT**
- **DIGITAL AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES**
- **INCLUSIVE ECONOMY**

# Offering an inclusive platform

**Inspired by the COP 21 model**, the Paris Peace Forum will be a platform for discussion and debate with special emphasis on civil society initiatives, and for sharing experiences and innovative solutions involving all the stakeholders in governance:

- **Heads of State and Government, as well as elected representatives;**
- **Regional and international organizations,** especially UN agencies;
- **Civil society in its broadest sense:** companies, associations, NGOs, foundations, think tanks, media, trade unions, religious leaders, philanthropists, experts, etc.

# Advancing solutions rather than speculation

**The Paris Peace Forum** is not a talking conference. Instead, it features three interlinked areas where different activities will be carried out simultaneously:

1. **A Space for Debate**, where new ideas and initiatives will be presented and discussed, with particular attention to innovative discussion formats that should systematically produce operational conclusions;
2. **A Space for Solutions**, to be accessible to any organization wishing to showcase a project, initiative or reform relating to one of the Forum's five themes;
3. **A Space for Innovation**, which will host an annual hackathon on global governance issues.

With these actors, the Paris Peace Forum aims to strengthen the actions of existing multilateral organizations, primarily the United Nations, and speed up implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The Forum works in close cooperation with the OECD, UNESCO and the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), all of which are based in Paris, as well as the European Union.

The Paris Peace Forum will also offer the right setting for convening actors from around the world to launch formal initiatives, track-two exercises, mediations and bilateral dialogues.

The event will take place at *La Grande halle de La Villette*, a beautiful building of glass and steel, a gem of 19<sup>th</sup> century French architecture. The Paris Peace Forum will be funded entirely by its partners.

**The first edition of the Paris Peace Forum (11 to 13 November 2018) will kick off on 11 November, as we commemorate the 1918 Armistice. The Paris Peace Forum will be inaugurated by Heads of State and Government, or their representatives, from the 84 nations invited by the President of the French Republic to participate in the commemorations alongside other political leaders invited for the occasion.**



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