

## Concept note – October 2021

### A roundtable on global health and pandemic preparedness

#### Overview

Ahead of the G20 Summit, the Paris Peace Forum and Pandemic Action Network will convene a high-level group of selected government officials, G20 Sherpas, global health leaders, and relevant organizations to discuss collective actions to strengthen the coordinated pandemic response.

#### Context

The Global COVID-19 Summit moment, the multilateral task force, existing health architecture, and the multiple global reports launched recently have comprehensively informed the debate surrounding pandemic response and preparedness. However, a consensus among decision-makers regarding a global action plan to deliver the ambition of 70% vaccination coverage by 2022, an end to the COVID-19 crisis, and a legacy that leaves us better prepared to prevent a future pandemic is yet to emerge.

In view of the series of international meetings this fall – UN General Assembly, G20 Summit, Special Session of the World Health Assembly – the numerous proposals need to translate into a measurable action plan for a coordinated COVID response while informing the reform of global health architecture.

#### The roundtable

To support this effort, the Paris Peace Forum and Pandemic Action Network will convene a high-level roundtable on global health and pandemic preparedness to discuss governance, accountability, and funding gaps and identify how those gaps can be filled and real progress made in the crucially important upcoming six months. The roundtable will give a particular focus on building the infrastructure and governance we need for the future, while putting it at the service of the current pandemic response.

The roundtable, introduced by Pascal Lamy and moderated by David Miliband, will be held under Chatham House rules and will gather about 15 participants. It will take place in late October 2021, sufficiently ahead of the G20 Summit to allow the meeting results to circulate.

#### Global Health at the Paris Peace Forum

Ahead of the 2021 G7 Summit, the Paris Peace Forum gathered policymakers and global health leaders from G7 and Global South countries to forge a common agenda on equitable access to vaccines, the findings of which were published in [The Lancet](#). The Forum's [Spring Meeting](#) was dedicated to "Helping bridge the North-South divide on critical challenges: vaccines, debt, climate". With the ONE Campaign, the Paris Peace Forum gathered the heads of the IMF, WTO, World Bank Group, and WHO for the public launch of the [Multilateral Leaders Task Force](#) to help coordinate the response to the pandemic.

#### Pandemic Action Network

Pandemic Action Network drives collective action to end the COVID-19 crisis and ensure the world is prepared for the next pandemic. The Network is a robust partnership of over 140 global multi-sector organizations aligned in a belief that every effort made in the fight against COVID-19 should leave a long-term legacy. One where humanity is better prepared to deal with outbreaks and prevent a deadly and costly pandemic from happening again.