[](https://parispeaceforum.org/?utm_source=email_sig&utm_medium=email_signature&utm_campaign=EN_homepage)**Paris Peace Forum,**

**11-13 November 2021:**

**Previewing the Fourth Edition**

**Mind the gaps:**

***Improving global governance after Covid-19***

The case for improving global coordination could not have been made in a more dramatic way than by the havoc Covid-19 wreaked, with millions of deaths and economies devastated worldwide.

We now need to build back better, but that will not happen if we cannot address the gaps that threaten the reconstruction: the governance gap on health and pandemic issues; the ambition gap on global public goods like climate; the North-South gap that endangers the joint resolution of global problems; the elite gap and gender gap that threaten to turn many away from cooperation.

In November 2020, the Paris Peace Forum contributed to combatting the pandemic by boosting vaccine distribution, convening public development banks for a greener recovery, and putting forward civil society solutions to the crisis.

In November 2021, the fourth edition will focus on spurring a more solid and inclusive recovery by addressing the various gaps in global governance and offering initiatives to better tend to the global commons.

Combining the best of 2019 and 2020: a unique hybrid edition

* The pre-pandemic 2019 edition gathered 7 000 in-person participants in Paris, while the 2020 edition gathered 12 000 online participants on the pioneering digital platform designed by the Forum. **On 11-13 November 2021, we will combine the best of both worlds**: in-person participation *and* a full online experience on the acclaimed Paris Peace Forum platform.
* **This hybrid edition will be as multi-actor as ever**, convening heads of state, government and international organizations (more than 125 took part since 2018) as well as NGOs, foundations, companies and citizens from around the world, with special attention to participation from the global South.
* This fourth edition will **come in the wake of the G-20** summit in Rome (30-31 October) **and the climate COP26** in Glasgow (1-12 November) and will complement the work done in these other fora. It will feature the traditional opening ceremony with heads of state, a presentation of the 2021 selected projects and the launch of several new multi-actor initiatives.

Closing the gaps: from the pandemic to other challenges

The 2021 edition of the Forum will focus largely on boosting the response to the multi-dimensional Covid-19 crisis in the long term. But it will also leverage the awareness and momentum created by the pandemic to better address threats to our global commons.

**Closing the governance gap on health**

* + **Getting vaccination right** for all in the long term (financing, distribution, production in new regions), building on the ACT-A and Covax efforts of the 2020 edition.
  + **Improving the global governance of health**, including the crucial “One Health” approach (human-animal-environment), as well as pandemic preparedness
  + On top of boosting efforts focused on economic and social recovery, **pushing back on restrictions put on civil societies** **and women’s rights** during the pandemic
  + **Preparing for the post-Covid19 world**: taking stock of the efforts at reaching a new consensus on principles for the post-Covid world launched by IMF Director Kristalina Georgieva and President Emmanuel Macron in November 2020

**Closing the ambition gap and better governing the global commons**

* + The Covid-19 crisis is often presented as **a rehearsal for an extreme climate crisis. It should at least be a wake-up call**, and this edition of the Forum will complement the COP26 efforts on climate, including on oceans, and by launching a new initiative on the governance of solar geoengineering.
  + The same goes with the **governance of the digital space**, with the intensification of the work on cybersecurity, AI ethics, and the progress of the Digital Bill of Rights, a new initiative on algorithmic governance.
  + **Activities in outer space are under threat**, as humans have sent too much hardware and debris in orbit and disagree on a proper course of action. This edition will see the launch of a new initiative for space sustainability and access for all.

**Closing the North-South gap**

**Closing the inclusion gap**

Showcasing and boosting projects that will make a difference

**Priorities for 2021**

* Fighting against the Covid-19 crisis: global health governance, social impact, new tools
* Better governing the global commons: climate, oceans, outer space
* Better governing the digital world: AI, cybersecurity, harmful content
* Fighting fake news and threats to the press
* Protecting the civic space in times of Covid
* Achieving equality among men and women
* Strengthening South-South cooperation
* Reforming capitalism through the impact economy

This year, the Space for Solutions will showcase **80 projects tackling issues at the core of the fourth edition**. Some of them will be present at La Grande Halle de La Villette, all of them will enjoy a dedicated space on the digital platform.

A number of projects presented in previous years with compelling trajectories since then will be re-invited.

The reduced number of projects and narrower thematic focus aims to offer them **better visibility and more curated support** through a shared, cohort experience: project leaders will benefit from exposure within the broader debate program, and tailored interaction and networking opportunities will be offered with experts and decision-makers active in their respective fields.