

# Advocacy report 2018

## Paris Peace Forum

### GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of UN Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
2. By 2030 100% of UN low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
3. 100% of UN Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.

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**PEACE INTERNATIONAL FORUM**

**The Paris Forum on peace is structured around 5 themes:**

- **peace and security,**
- **environment,**
- **digital development,**
- **new technologies,**
- **inclusive economy.**

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**ODD 4**

**Under treaties/conventions/resolutions:**

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inspired by the model of the COP21, the Paris Forum on peace will be a place to share experiences and innovative solutions bringing together all stakeholders in governance: leaders ' States and Government, elected officials, local and national, regional and international organizations, civil society in the broad sense (businesses, associations, NGOs, foundations, think tanks, media, religious representatives, trade unions...).

The goal is to advance the projects of governance by know, subjecting them to discussions of various formats, and by promoting the reencounters...

### **Summary of meeting**

In addition to the commemorative ceremonies of the centennial of the great war on November 11, 2018, was held for the first time the "betting on Peace Forum".

This first will be coincided conveniently with the celebration the same day of the centenary of the armistice of the first world war.

The Forum was opened, the evening of 11 November, in the presence of 70 Heads of State including president Emmanuel Macron, Chancellor Angela Merkel and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres.

For this great event, obvious and symbolic but also concrete organizers will have intended, in addition to the official speeches by heads of State, to representatives of civil society, one hundred years after the judgment of hostilities that have made 18 million victims, to work on solutions that can contribute to a better global understanding, to limit the risk that such disasters do not recur.

Bets on Peace Forum is now institutionalized with the status of "associations law of 1901". There for president Justin VAÏSSE, Director of the Center for analysis, forecasting and strategy of the Department of European and Foreign Affairs.

The association counts among its members the National Foundation of political science (Sciences Po), the Körber Foundation, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the french Institute of international relations and the Institute Montaigne.

This Forum is not shaped like these conferences where successive speakers each giving his presentation. The organizers have opted for an event focusing on sharing, interactivity and creativity. Have been held:

- a series of conversations during which stakeholders were invited to confront their ideas on issues of global governance;
- concrete reflection workshops where participants were asked to work on ideas and concepts useful in the light of the objective "sustainable peace".
- 120 projects were presented on this occasion (selected by a jury from among 600 projects received). Other forms of meeting were proposed for project leaders:

The selected projects have been grouped into five themes: peace and security, development, Inclusive economy, environment and New Technologies.

The brainstorming allowing holders of the projects to gather advice from experts and the public for a particular challenge that underlies each of their initiatives

One of the "Conversations", discussed the role and financing of civil society actions through NGOs with a title to the less provocative "NGO: a vital space in the skin of sorrow". It has benefited from the presence of representatives of two major funders, the African billionaire Mo Ibrahim and Patrick Gaspard, president of the American Foundation Soros (Open Society Foundation).

The discussion focused on the intervention of actors funded by "philanthropy" and the difficulties of relations between Governments and civil society especially on the African continent. The speakers deplored the fact that NGOs receiving such funding are too often viewed as opponents of the powers in place, suspected of being "collaborators"

The Paris Forum on peace or, to use the complementary title retained by the organizers "the Global Platform for governance projects", draws its substance from the confrontation of ideas and projects with a multiplicity of public actors or Private to testify to collective intelligence and to strive for better governance of the world of Governments, international institutions and civil society.

NGOs or other institutions that have projects that can be linked to areas identified as being able to assist in the service of peace will be able to submit them under the second edition of the Forum to be held during the month of September 2019.

The Forum is a major event that has this merit to propose to enter the concrete with pragmatism, and to demonstrate that peace is not only an abstract ideal.