



PARIS
PEACE
FORUM
de PARIS
sur la PAIX

UM6P
University
Mohammed VI
Polytechnic



Hosted by **University Mohammed VI Polytechnic**
on the **Benguerir Campus, Morocco**

Presentation

Every year since 2018, the [Paris Peace Forum](#) has gathered states and non-state actors around global governance solutions, for two key moments – its main event in Paris, always around 11 November, and its Spring Meeting, around six months later.

In 2024, for the first time ever, the Paris Peace Forum will hold its Spring Meeting abroad, on the African continent, and gather diverse actors from around the world to focus on the shared North-South objective of “**Fair Transitions**”. The program will comprise live-streamed sessions with renowned experts, thematic closed-door meetings as well as networking opportunities in the stunning nearby city of Marrakech.

The Spring Meeting will be hosted by University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (**UM6P**), on its state-of-the-art Benguerir Campus. UM6P is a Moroccan university, focused on developing solutions to specific continental and more broadly global challenges. Oriented towards education and research, with strong links to industry, business and innovation, the University is committed to empowering a new generation of talents that will build and lead the future of Africa.

A focus on Fair Transitions

The past years have plunged the world into an era of emergency and uncertainty, with heightened geopolitical tensions and polarization, widening inequalities, as well as deepening fault lines. The current global order is undergoing major transformations: looming existential threats to humankind such as climate change that a faltering multilateral system is failing to solve, increasing competition between global powers and triggers such as the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East and the disruptions they bring about. Countries from the “Global South” — often hit the hardest by the consequences of crises and debts — are growing more defiant towards the “North” reluctant to enact enough solidarity and policies to address the structural economic and political imbalances of an outdated system. The so-called “North” and “South” are in no way homogenous blocs either, both comprising a wide range of different interests and agendas.

Against such a complex backdrop, the Paris Peace Forum has strived for the past years to foster cooperation and bridge the “North-South” gap through its events, projects support and multi-actor policy initiatives in many fields subject to widening fractures such as the global health architecture, food security, climate transition or the reform of international financial institutions.

Building up on this work and role of North-South” platform of dialogue and action, this year’s Spring Meeting will be dedicated to the topic of “Fair transitions” and explore how to spur such fair transitions in various areas:

- **Climate finance and development: the dual challenge of saving the planet and fighting poverty**
- **Energy and transition minerals: Accelerating a responsible and inclusive transition towards greener energies**
- **Promoting fair agricultural transitions in Africa and mobilizing towards 2025 “Nutrition for Growth” Summit**
- **Ensuring fair benefit-sharing in global health: towards a compensation mechanism to incentivize early warning for pandemics**

Provisional program 9-10 June 2024 (All times Morocco time, UTC+1)

Sunday, June 9th, 2024

Afternoon

Arrival and welcome of participants in their hotel at the UM6P Campus in Benguerir

5.00 pm-6.30 pm: Visit of UM6P Innovation Centers

(Phenotyping Station / Green Energy Park / School 1337 / Mine / Experimental Farm)

Evening

7.30pm-10.00pm: Welcome reception, followed by an artistic performance

(UM6P Campus, Benguerir, Student Center)

Monday, June 10th, 2024

Morning

Public sessions

9.30am-9.40am: Opening words by PPF and OCP Group / UM6P principals

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

- **Ángel Gurría**, President of the Paris Peace Forum
- **Hicham El Habti**, President of the UM6P

9.50am-10.45am: Solving the joint climate transition and development conundrum through enhanced North-South cooperation

(UM6P Conference Center-Stage A – Ibn Rochd)

In addressing the twin urgency of climate transition and development, a stark financial reality emerges immense funding is required for both of these urgencies, yet fiscal resources remain constrained. Countries face a dilemma, balancing environmental sustainability against poverty alleviation, without the luxury of choice. Development banks have expanded their portfolios in response, yet the scale of investment does not fill the vast funding gap. More capital is essential, as is targeted, efficient allocation. The focus must be on a strategic approach where every dollar is directed towards interventions yielding the most transformative impact, thereby advancing a sustainable and just global framework.

Speakers:

- **Mo Ibrahim**, Founder and Chair, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- **Nisreen Elsaim**, Former Chair, UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
- **Lionel Zinsou**, Co-Founder, SouthBridge Investments; Former Prime Minister, Republic of Benin
- **Rémy Rioux**, Chief Executive Officer, Agence française de Développement (AFD)

Moderator:

- **Mariana Campos**, Director, México Evalúa

9.50am-10.45am: Facing Climate Overshoot Risks: Youth Lead the Response

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage B - Fatima Al Fihria)



Session co-organized with the Climate Overshoot Commission. The risk of overshooting the 1.5°C warming goal of the Paris Agreement is looming, posing severe threats to younger generations' health, food security, water availability, or migration patterns, among many other risks. The Climate Overshoot Commission put forward an integrated strategy—the CARE Agenda—focusing on Cutting emissions, Adaptation, carbon dioxide Removal, and solar radiation modification Exploration. Young people's perspective is pivotal to enrich, critically envision and support the implementation of the CARE Agenda to address overshoot risks. As temperatures near the overshoot threshold and reach 1.45°C, urgency demands greater space for youth-driven solutions. This session aims at elevating those youth perspectives, particularly from countries with lower emissions and high climate risks, to discuss crucial systemic changes needed to halt overshoot, covering mitigation and adaptation challenges, and exploring emerging technologies' risks and benefits.

Speakers:

- **Shirmai Chung**, Member of the Youth Engagement group of the Climate Overshoot Commission
- **Louise Mabulo**, Member of the Youth Engagement group of the Climate Overshoot Commission
- **Anita Soina**, Global Youth Champion for UN Hosted Sanitation and Water for All
- **Roberto Hernandez Juarez**, Climate Activist-Researcher, Founder of Youth Building The Future Global (YBTFG)

Moderator:

- **Pascal Lamy**, Vice-President, Paris Peace Forum, Chair, Climate Overshoot Commission

9.50am-10.45pm: Cultivating Cooperation: Ground-up solutions for productive and sustainable agricultures
(UM6P Conference Center - Room 1 - Ibn Tofail)

Drawing on the multistakeholder ethos of the Paris Peace Forum and echoing its mission to promote dialogue between the global North and South, we explore inventive approaches within agriculture to build strong and sustainable nutrition and food systems in Africa. To challenge prevailing assumptions, encourage knowledge-sharing, and catalyze South-South cooperation, this session will bring together leaders of concrete solutions, innovative agriculture practices and community-led projects that can inspire policymakers gathered in Benguerir. Acknowledging the potential of these initiatives in their unique local context while still facilitating meaningful cooperation across regions is imperative to achieve equitable agricultural transitions in Africa.

Speakers and projects:

- **Dhananjay Ray**, Chief Executive Officer, [Centre for the Development of Human Initiatives \(CDHI\)](#) and **Fraser Sugden**, Associate Professor, University of Birmingham
Project: [Agriculture Collectives of Marginalized Women](#) (SCUP 2023-24), (UK & India)
The project tackles the challenges of food scarcity and the lack of economic opportunity in Eastern India and North Bengal by promoting group farming. It focuses specifically on women-led and collectively owned agro-processing enterprises.
- **Bouchra Rahmouni**, Director, Social Innovation Lab & CoopLab, Full Professor of Social Entrepreneurship & Head of Diversity Research Stream at Africa Business School – UM6P
Project: [Value Chain Upgrade](#), led by Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P) (Morocco)
This project aims at stimulating and supporting agricultural value chains in various branches, with particular emphasis on caper cultivation, Beldi chicken farming and beekeeping, by encouraging sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.
- **Jack Kimani**, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Action Platform for Africa (CAP-A)
Project: [African farmers as climate entrepreneurs](#), Climate Action Platform for Africa (Kenya & Rwanda)
This project aims to provide viable business models for African smallholder farmers to adopt a range of climate-smart interventions.

Moderator:

- **Satya S. Tripathi**, Secretary-General, [Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet](#)

9.50-10.45 am: First Consultation of Business Associations and Companies for N4G – By invitation only
(UM6P Conference Center - Room 2 - Ibn Sina)

10.45 am-11.15 am Coffee Break

11.15 am-12.45pm: On the path towards greener energies: How to accelerate the transition
(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

Part #1: Bridging the Energy Divide – Global Collaboration for Inclusive Transition

While developed countries work to recalibrate their energy systems towards more renewable technologies, a quarter of the world's population still lives without electricity. Speakers will discuss how North and South can work together, through equal partnerships and long-term collaboration to ensure a global energy transition that benefits all peoples.

Speakers:

- **Amadou Hott**, Special Envoy of the President of the African Development Bank for the Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa
- **Ángel Gurría**, President, Paris Peace Forum
- **Hanane Mourchid**, Chief Sustainability Officer, OCP Group
- **Nicolas Lefevre-Martou**, Chief Strategy Officer, ENGIE

- **Mayumi Endoh**, Deputy Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Moderator:

- **Kathrin Lorenz**, Country Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Morocco

Part #2: From Extractivism to Empowerment: Navigating the Global Shift to Renewable Energies

As we transition from an oil and gas-powered world to renewable energies, the demand for minerals crucial to the manufacturing of windmills, solar panels and electric batteries is projected to increase four-fold. This session will explore how this new paradigm could bring about a new industrialization and alternative models of development for producer countries...if environmental and social pitfalls are well-identified and avoided. Speakers will discuss the opportunities of the energy transition for the Global South, as well as the challenges, including the long-reaching shadow of past extractivism.

Speakers:

- **Bruno Oberle**, President, World Resource Forum
- **Ma Jun**, Founder and Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs
- **Izabella Teixeira**, Co-Chair, International Resource Panel (IRP)
- **Kandeh Yumkella**, Former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All
- **Karim Dahou**, Deputy Director Global Relations and Cooperation, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Youssef El Bari**, Chief Executive Officer, InnovX

Moderator:

- **Sheila Khama**, Non-Executive Director, FTSE and NASDAQ

11.15 am-12.45pm: Seeds of Collaboration: Franco-African Partnerships in Agri-Food Systems

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage B - Fatima Al Fihria)

Session co-organized with the French-African Foundation. Amidst the challenges of climate change and food insecurity, Franco-African collaborations emerge as beacons of hope. Initiatives like the OCP Group's sustainable fertilizers and Arise's agricultural value addition enhance productivity and create jobs across Africa. AGRA's support for projects like "Kilimo Mart" in Kenya has revolutionized smallholder farmers' market access, boosting incomes by 30%. France's proactive engagement through initiatives like FARM and partnerships with Danone amplifies these efforts. Together, these collaborations drive equitable transitions, fostering shared prosperity. How can Franco-African collaborations continue shaping just transitions in agri-food systems? Join us in exploring this pivotal question with our esteemed panel of experts.

Speakers:

- **Adeline Lescanne**, Chief Executive Officer, Nutriset
- **Christian Stammkoetter**, Chief Executive Officer EMEA, Danone
- **Jennifer Baarn**, Head of Partnerships, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- **Houda Boukari**, Africa Procurement Transformation Manager, Unilever; French-African Foundation Young Leader 2023

Moderator

- **Patrick Dupoux**, Managing Partner Africa and Comex, Boston Consulting Group

11.15am-12.45pm: First Meeting of the Leaders & Experts Council for N4G (Nutrition for Growth) – By invitation only

(UM6P Conference Center - Room 2 - Ibn Sina)

12.45 pm – 2.15 pm: Lunch Break

Afternoon

Public sessions

2.15pm-2.45pm: Climate Impulse x UM6P: innovation and exploration for climate action

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

In this unique session, explorer Bertrand Piccard and UM6P President, Hicham El Habti will kick-start the collaboration between the University and Climate Impulse, the Swiss pioneer's new challenge. Following on from Solar Impulse, which circumnavigated the globe in a solar-powered aircraft, Climate Impulse aims to perform the first non-stop, zero-emission flight around the world in a green hydrogen-powered airplane. Pioneering the future of aviation and highlighting the role of clean technologies, the aim is to restore hope and demonstrate solutions, by presenting climate action as a unifying and inspiring opportunity. Hence, the promising collaboration with professors and students at UM6P.

Speakers:

- **Bertrand Piccard**, President, Solar Impulse Foundation
- **Hicham El Habti**, President of the UM6P

2.15pm-3.45pm: Mobilizing for strong and sustainable food and nutrition systems

Part #1: On the road to the "Nutrition for Growth" (N4G) Summit (40 min)

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage B - Fatima Al Fihria)

The Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit will take place in Paris in 2025. Following on from the summits in London in 2012 and Tokyo in 2021, this will be a major event given the scale of the issue, which covers obesity (more than 30% of humanity), malnutrition and undernutrition (more than 25% of humanity) and affects countries in both the North and the South. As well as being a global health issue, undernutrition affects the development of physical and cognitive capacities, and is therefore at the root of many other development problems. There is therefore an urgent need to take action and direct our resources towards this "mother of all battles".

Speakers:

- **Brieuc Pont**, Special Envoy and Secretary General, Nutrition for Growth Summit
- **Afshan Khan**, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations ; Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement
- **Chika Morishima**, Executive Officer & Vice President in charge of Sustainability and Communications, Ajinomoto
- **Shawn Baker**, Chief Program Officer, Helen Keller INTL

Moderator:

- **Raj Kumar**, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Devex

Part #2: Promoting fair agricultural transitions in Africa (40 min)

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

To feed the growing population on the African continent, agricultural production will have to increase significantly. Today, many believe that this agricultural revolution can only be achieved at the expense of the

climate and biodiversity: a choice would have to be made between feeding and protecting the planet. However, solutions do exist, and it is on the African continent that the destiny of the planet in terms of both food and climate is at stake. The Paris Peace Forum aims to help renew the dialogue between North and South and promote a positive vision so that the climate, agricultural development and poverty reduction agendas are no longer pitted against each other.

Speakers:

- **Hailemariam Dessalegn**, Former Prime Minister, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- **Pascal Lamy**, Vice-President, Paris Peace Forum ; Board President, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **Abir Lemseffer**, Deputy Managing Director, Azura Group; Director General, Initiative for the Adaptation of African Agriculture to Climate Change
- **Hamadi Boga**, Vice President in charge of Program Delivery, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
- **Iliass El Fali**, Managing Director in charge of the Corporate Strategy - Performance Management & Operations Coordination, OCP Group

Moderator:

- **Hakim El Karoui**, Founding Partner, Volentia

2.15pm-3.15pm: Global election year 2024 and implications on “Fair Transitions” – a view from parliaments
(UM6P Conference Center - Room 2 - Ibn Sina)

Speakers:

- **Jalila Morsli**, Member of the House of Councilors, Morocco
- **Maria Rachel J. Arenas**, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines
- **Eléonore Caroit**, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, National Assembly, French Republic
- **Peter Ambang Njume**, Member of Parliament, National Assembly of Cameroon, Founder and Executive President, Parliamentary Network on the SDGs
- **Estelle Youssouffa**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Assemblée nationale, French Republic
- **Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Moderator:

- **Fabienne Hara**, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum

2.15pm-5.40pm: First Meeting of the World Council for Responsible Transition Minerals – By invitation only

(UM6P Conference Center - Room 1 - Ibn Tofail)

3.45 pm-4.15 pm Tea Break

4.15pm-5.30pm: Reset, delay or failure? Building a global health architecture to meet the challenges of our time

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

Part #1: Taking stock of the pandemic agreement and the World Health Assembly (40 mn)

Pandemics, climate change, antimicrobial resistance... Despite the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, the threats to global health remain numerous and significant, and the challenge of reinforcing and building a global health architecture capable of responding to these challenges is pressing. While political attention is diverted from global health, lessons on solidarity and equity are still to be learned to build a more cohesive global health ecosystem. This session will aim to take stock of the conversations planned at the World Health Assembly around a pandemic agreement.

Speakers:

- **Magda Robalo**, Former Minister of Health, Guinea Bissau
- **Eloise Todd**, Founder and Executive Director, Pandemic Action Network
- **Anthony So**, Professor of the Practice, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Moderator:

- **Raj Kumar**, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Devex

Part #2: Leveraging the power of science in global health (30 mn)

The voice of scientists is not always adequately represented in multilateral discussions on global health. Yet scientists are at the heart of the debates and issues, whether on pandemic preparedness or cross-cutting topics such as the intersection of health and climate. This conversation will present a variety of perspectives on the role of scientists in health, and in particular on the place that the scientific voice should take in key points on the multilateral agenda, whether on the notion of fair benefit-sharing or in the replenishments of the major funds to come.

Speakers:

- **Hayat Sindi**, Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- **Najat Vallaud-Belkacem**, Former Minister of National Education, Higher Education and Research, France

Moderator:

- **Raj Kumar**, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Devex

4.15pm-5.15pm: Bridging Global and Local Perspectives - Integrating Artisanal Mining as Key for the Energy Transition

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage B - Fatima Al Fihria)

Session co-organized with the Fair Cobalt Alliance. The share of global mining production sourced from Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) is substantial (10-12% of the world's cobalt supply), and is set to grow further as the demand for minerals essential to the energy transition increases. ASM is fundamental for livelihoods, employing an estimated 50 million people directly across the globe, and represents 90% of the global mining workforce. It serves as a critical source of development and employment opportunities, particularly in regions with limited economic alternatives. Despite the importance of ASM, it continues to be overlooked by policymakers and global institutions, even as we recognize the crucial importance of minerals for the energy transition.

During this session, speakers will explore the positive impact of policies effectively addressing the challenges of ASM and study how the extraction of transition minerals can become a driver of social economic development in producer countries and local communities through North/South collaboration.

Speakers:

- **Emmanuel Makumba Mali**, Director for Democracy and Good Governance Programme (ICGLR)

- **Chiugo Aghaji**, Country Officer - Francophone Africa, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- **Monica Gichuhi**, Mineral Governance Consultant, Quadz Consulting Limited
- **Guillaume de Brier**, Researcher, International Peace Information Service (IPIS)

Moderator:

- **Assheton Carter**, Executive Director, Fair Cobalt Alliance

4.00pm-5.40pm: ATLAS (Agricultural Transitions Lab for African Solutions) Roundtable, 1st Edition: Africa-Europe Policymaker Meeting on African Agri-food Systems

(UM6P Conference Center - Room 2 - Ibn Sina)



Organized in partnership with Africa-Europe Foundation and Global Perspectives Initiative. The African continent has immense agricultural potential that needs to be unleashed to enhance food security on both a continental and global scale, and to achieve climate goals. African agriculture should therefore be a priority on the international agenda.

The ATLAS Laboratory is the permanent structure for North-South dialogue and cooperation of the multi-stakeholder coalition of the Paris Peace Forum on African agricultural systems, following the call named “[Africa Can Be a Major Agricultural Power.](#)”

This inaugural session aims to bring together policymakers and experts from the African and European continents to strengthen cooperation between the North and the South and to overcome the barriers to agricultural development on the African continent.

The discussions will focus on developing a shared Euro-African vision to break away from traditional North-South divides, identifying financial, environmental, and psychological challenges that need to be overcome, as well as highlighting the needs of African countries, the role Europe can play, and the common interests that should lead to enhanced collaboration and, eventually, better coordination of agri-food and trade policies between Europe and Africa.

5.40pm-6.00pm: Closing session – End of Afternoon Program

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

Speakers:

- **Nadia Fettah**, Minister of Economy and Finance, Kingdom of Morocco
- **Justin Vaïsse**, Founder and Director General, Paris Peace Forum

6.15pm-6.45 pm: Press Conference – for media only

(UM6P Conference Center - Stage A - Ibn Rochd)

Evening

Dinner reception

About the Paris Peace Forum

Since 2018, the Paris Peace Forum is the place where heads of state and international organizations work hand in hand with civil society and the private sector to build new forms of collective action. Throughout the year, the Forum puts the spotlight on those who implement concrete actions by advancing worldwide governance projects. Multilateral organizations with universal membership have legitimate mandates for the creation of rules and mechanisms to solve transnational problems. The Forum picks up the slack when these institutions cannot act or when the solutions proposed are insufficient. It fosters hybrid coalitions by gathering old and new actors of global governance: states and international organizations, but also NGOs, companies, foundations, philanthropic organizations, development agencies, religious groups, trade unions, think tanks, universities, and civil society at large. It showcases and supports concrete projects that are either normative (instruments of law, standards, and good practices) or capacity-building (new institutions, mechanisms, and innovations).

About University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (UM6P)

University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (UM6P) is a Moroccan university, focused on developing solutions to specific continental and more broadly global challenges. UM6P is oriented towards education and research, with strong links to industry, business and innovation. The University is committed to empowering a new generation of talents that will build and lead the future of Africa.

UM6P's philosophy is to respond to the various needs of African economies. From its main campus in Benguerir, near Marrakech, and its branches in Rabat, Laayoune and Paris, the University offers a new kind of learning environment, inspiring innovation and entrepreneurship through its Living Labs and peer-to-peer learning.

With academic departments and research programs spanning science and technology, business and management, humanities and medicine, UM6P is designed to benefit not just Africa, but the world, with a research solving-problem approach.

For more information please visit: <https://www.um6p.ma/en>

