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### HELPING BRIDGE THE ONORTH-SOUTH DIVIDE ON CRITICAL CHALLENGES OVER VACCINES DEBT & CLIMATE-----

After three successful editions gathering 25 000 participants, 125 heads of state and government, and 333 projects, the Paris Peace Forum is entering a new phase. In addition to being an annual event, it is strengthening its year-round activities to become an actor of global governance. It will develop its role as an accelerator of the projects presented during the November event while also leveraging its community of members and partners to incubate and launch multi-actor initiatives throughout the year.

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM-----

5:00 p.m- 5:10 p.m : Opening words and short presentation of the fourth edition of the Paris Peace Forum

5:10 p.m- 5:45 p.m A discussion between Pascal Lamy, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WHO) on vaccines and trade issues for Africa.

5:50 p.m- 6:35 p.m High-level panel on the topic of joint initiatives to shape a better recovery for Africa with Bandar M. H. Hajjar, President of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Gilbert Houngbo, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and Ambroise Fayolle, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB).

6:50 p.m- 7:45 p.m Roundtable on supporting African recovery with Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group, Melinda Gates, Co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and Rémy Rioux, CEO of French Agenc of development (AFD), moderated by Justin Vaisse, Founder & Director General of the Paris Peace Forum.

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