

# THE ONE PLANET SUMMIT

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## WHAT IS IT?

The One Planet Summit brings politicians and major economic players together under the same ambition: proposing and implementing concrete solutions for:

- **fighting against climate change**
- **protecting the oceans**
- **conserving biodiversity**
- **mobilising finance**

It was launched by Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, on 12 December 2017, two years after the adoption of the Paris Agreement. The first edition of the One Planet Summit gathered 60 Heads of State and 4,000 participants from public and private organisations.

## WHO IS PART OF IT?

The One Planet Summit is organised at the initiative of France, along with the United Nations and the World Bank. It's not just a summit for Heads of State. It brings together a wide range of actors ready to take commitments at their respective levels:

- **public institutions:** development banks, international organisations.
- **private sector:** businesses, funds, banks, investors, start-ups.
- **civil society:** NGOs, think tanks, foundations, youth networks, researchers.
- **local governments:** cities, regional governments, federal states, local authority networks.

## HOW DOES IT FIT IN WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT?

The One Planet Summit is an integral part of the agenda for international climate negotiations. It aims to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement and anchor its objectives in projects on the ground. It focuses on funding climate-response measures and on aligning financial flows. These issues are essential to the scaling-up measures required for achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting people.

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The One Planet Summit draws on strategic thinking from the One Planet Lab. This laboratory for the ecological transition is composed of influential figures from academia, the private sector, the business world and international financial institutions. The Lab sets new objectives and levers for future editions of the One Planet Summit and the international agenda, particularly by developing coalitions of committed actors.

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## MOBILISING FINANCE

- **Mobilising public funding and private capital** on a massive scale is essential for ensuring the transition towards a low-carbon society. It will give a new direction for finance, by connecting it to concrete projects which help citizens. The One Planet Summit therefore helps to create innovative financial mechanisms, such as a fund for helping to fight against land degradation. Other initiatives, such as the coalition of sovereign funds, encourage investors to consider the climate risk in their investment strategy.

## MOBILISING RESEARCH

- **The French initiative "Make Our Planet Great Again"** comes under commitment no. 3, "Mobilising researchers and young people to work for the planet". This programme, which was launched in 2017, gives foreign researchers the opportunity to come to France to continue their work. The first 18 beneficiaries, whom had been selected by an international jury, have already started their work at French laboratories involved in fighting against climate change. In 2018, 14 new applicants were selected to take part in long-term research. Germany, who wanted to join the initiative, is also welcoming 13 new researchers.

## THE COMMITMENTS

During the first One Planet Summit, the participants made twelve international commitments, which bring about thirty coalitions and initiatives together around three major areas of action:

- **boosting funding** for adaptation and resilience to climate change;
- **accelerating the transition** to a carbon-free economy;
- **embedding the climatic issues** within the funding

The commitments are monitored transparently to ensure that they are properly fulfilled and have a positive impact on the environment. In 2018, a progress report ("Review of the Commitments") was published, which provided an overview of how the implementation of the commitments was going. You can follow the commitments on the following website:

[www.oneplanetsummit.fr/en](http://www.oneplanetsummit.fr/en)

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Since the first Paris meeting in 2017, its mobilisation efforts have continued. The One Planet Summit coalitions met for the second time in New York, on 26 September 2018, on the sidelines of the General Assembly of the United Nations, with two objectives in mind: reviewing the twelve commitments and mobilising top-level politicians, in order to accelerate climate action

- **14 March, in Nairobi (Kenya)**, the first regional event will highlight Africa's key role in implementing the Paris Agreement. The continent, which is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, is therefore motivated, particularly when it comes to developing renewable energy and protecting biodiversity.
- **25 August, in Biarritz (France)**, the One Planet Lab will play a role in mobilising civil society as part of France's presidency of the G7.
- **23 September in New York (United States)**, the One Planet Lab will contribute to the climate finance track of the UN Climate Summit.

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