



## Concept Note: 2023 Leaders' Summit

In May 2019, following the 15 March Christchurch terror attack, Aotearoa New Zealand and France convened Heads of State and Government, Leaders from the Tech Industry and Civil Society to launch the Christchurch Call To Eliminate Terrorist And Violent Extremist Content Online.

Today, the Call Community consists of over 120 governments, online service providers, partners, and civil society organizations. We act together through the Call's multistakeholder model to deliver on the Call's 25 commitments, while protecting human rights and a free, open, and secure internet.

We have made real progress. The challenge of terrorist and violent extremist content is also changing fast, with the intermingling of violent ideologies and gender-based violence, growing concern about the radicalisation of young people, and rapid uptake of new technologies including powerful new AI models.

The Call offers a principles-based approach to dealing with these challenges, driven by Leaders from all sectors, harnessing the collective expertise, resources, and commitments of our community. In an age of contested visions for technology and society, the Call provides a way for us to face these challenges together and to make a positive impact.

Leaders from across the Call Community: Heads of State and Government, the Tech Sector, Civil Society, and Partner Organisations, will come together in Paris at 1600-1800 on 10 November (CET) at the Elysée Palace, in association with the Paris Peace Forum, for our fifth Leaders' Summit.

The Summit will provide an opportunity for a strategic conversation about our shared work to tackle terrorist and violent extremist content and deliver our vision of an internet for good. It takes place in the context of powerful new artificial intelligence models and a rapidly changing regulatory and geopolitical landscape.

This meeting will be an unscripted, forward-looking multistakeholder engagement among Leaders on an agreed set of topics. As with previous Summits, we will focus on ensuring ample input from each sector. This will be a chance to announce significant outcomes, talk about our successes and some of the pervasive problems we face, and chart the path forward for our community.

## Summit Details

Leaders from the Call Community will meet in Paris on Friday 10 November 1600 – 1800.

- For Governments, attendance will be restricted to invited Heads of State or Government.
- For Online Service Providers and partner organisations, attendance will be restricted to invited senior executives.
- For Civil Society, the secretariat will work with the Christchurch Call Advisory Network to ensure a senior level of participation and diversity of representation and expertise.

The meeting will operate under the Chatham House Rule and will be independently moderated.

There will be no provision for pre-recorded statements or prepared remarks in the meeting. We do encourage statements submitted in advance as part of the 'success stories' process (see *below*) or by email to [plenary@christchurchcall.com](mailto:plenary@christchurchcall.com) for inclusion in our communications.

Space is limited, and attendance in person will be restricted. The Summit will be livestreamed to the wider Community. Registration details will be circulated to the Community shortly.

## Preparing for the Summit

We have worked with the whole community to shape the Summit including: areas where we have made progress; specific deliverables, individual or collective successes; issues that require more work or further discussion, and things that require strategic direction from Leaders.

In our 'save the date' message we signalled the following key themes as the starting point for this effort:

- The implications of new technology, particularly foundational AI models;
- Assisting small firms with eliminating terrorist and violent extremist content online and responding to crisis incidents;
- The evidence base on gender-based hatred and radicalisation to violence;
- Youth, algorithmic outcomes, and pathways to radicalisation;
- The Christchurch Call Initiative on Algorithmic Outcomes;
- Sustaining and expanding the Call Community.
- Multistakeholder approaches to related issues.

To ensure everyone had a chance to contribute and help shape this event, we designed and ran a process to gather input from our multistakeholder community across multiple channels, including:

- Inviting each Supporter and Partner, and members of the Advisory Network, to answer our **survey** on where the Community has made progress over the last year and where there is more work to do. Many of you are doing important Call-related work, including individually or in other fora. The Summit is operating under the Chatham House Rule, so the survey is a key opportunity for you to highlight specific contributions, successes, and

priorities. Your statements will be collated into a *Snapshot Report* for Leaders and published on the Call website. The survey will be open for completion until 16 October (NZDT). You can find the survey [here](#) and an example of how each response will be presented [here](#).

- As in 2022, we worked with you to produce an '**Issues Brief**' that reflects our shared view of the Call's progress, identifies areas where we need more focus our attention, and suggests possible ways forward. The Issues Brief formed the basis for identifying agenda topics for Leaders, and for New Zealand and France to develop the co-Chairs Statement.
- 'Town Hall' Community meetings in late August and early September to discuss progress, key themes, and issues that require Leaders' attention.
- We also held Community Engagement Sessions to onboard new Online Service Providers and Partner Organisations under our workstream to sustain and expand the Call Community. We will hold further Community Engagement Sessions throughout September and October for prospective Online Service Providers and Partners.

## Issues for Leaders

Drawing on input from the Community, we have identified three issues for discussion by Leaders at the Summit itself:

- Jointly consider the impact on our shared mission of powerful new and emerging artificial intelligence models, the opportunities and risks they represent, and the actions that we will take as a result.
- Consider efforts to improve the user environment, address radicalisation and harm, and enhance researcher access to data, including assessing progress on the Christchurch Call Initiative on Algorithmic Outcomes, which is opening the way to better research and public understanding of AI.
- Support and sustain the multistakeholder model of the Call, grounded in human rights and a free, open, and secure internet, into the future in a complex global environment. This may include how we apply a similar model to related issues such as information integrity, AI safety and ethics, protection of children (with possible inspiration from initiatives such as the Children Online Protection Lab) and young people, and the future of the internet.

## Opportunities for further input from the Community

### 2023 Survey

Four simple questions:

- *Where has the Call made progress over the last 12 months?*
- *What have been your particular contributions and successes?*

[Open Here \(links to mailchimp survey form\)](#)

**Please complete by 16 October**

**Example response [here](#)**

- *Where have you faced challenges?*
- *Where does the Call Community need to focus in the year ahead?*

To be published as an attributed statement.

<b>Town Hall Meeting</b>	These will be an opportunity to discuss and refine Summit outcomes, based on the final Issues Brief.	Sessions tailored to your time zone the <b><u>week of 16 October</u></b>
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## What to expect

These inputs will be incorporated into the Summit agenda, and reflected in communications that take place on 10 November.

<b>Finalised Issues Brief</b> to inform participants and stakeholders	Sent to Community <b><u>9 October</u></b>
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<b>Snapshot Report</b> Containing your survey responses and highlighting success stories and other points of interest and importance.	Sent to Community ahead of the Summit, and published on Summit Day ( <b><u>10 November</u></b> )
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<b>Co-Chairs Statement</b> Issued by NZ & France, drawing on the issues brief	Published <b><u>10 November</u></b> (Summit Day)
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<b>Community Meeting</b> We will organise a meeting with the Community following the Summit to discuss the outcomes and how they will be implemented over the coming year	TBC week of Summit
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## Other Events and Meetings at the Paris Peace Forum

The Paris Peace Forum gathers a global multistakeholder community to discuss and find solutions to major challenges of our time. One of the four key themes for this year's Paris Peace Forum is '*Ensuring trust and safety in the digital world*'. Specifically, the Forum will bring together key players in generative AI to outline a system of standards that would respond to the main risks posed by this new technology. You can find more information about the Paris Peace Forum [here](#).

In addition to the Forum's existing programme of events and meetings, we plan to hold several side meetings during the Forum to support the policy outcomes of the Leaders' Summit. These will include a Town Hall meeting following the Summit, and sessions to cover key topics such as the Christchurch Call Initiative on Algorithmic Outcomes. We will provide more information shortly.

## More questions?

Please contact [plenary@christchurchcall.com](mailto:plenary@christchurchcall.com)