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## **SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY AT PARIS PEACE FORUM BY MAKE.ORG AMONGST LEADERS & NGOS**

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### **ON NOVEMBER 13TH COMPANIES, AND NGOS, CALL GIVREMENTS FOR MORE CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

On November 13th, these companies, associations, NGO signatories, call on governments to multiply the modes of citizen participation. Throughout the day, states and cities will announce their support. Already, leading political figures and committed citizens have expressed their support for the process: Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and President of the C40, Mounir Mahjoubi, Secretary of State for Digital Technology in France, Audrey Tang , the minister of digital in Taiwan or Lex Paulson, former member of the campaign of Barack Obama in 2008.-----

Democracy is everywhere in the world grappling with powerful opposing forces: reactionary, authoritarian and populist. It is today the very survival of the democratic model that is in question, with a steadily lower level of citizen support, including in the democracies supposed to be the strongest. Faced with this, Civic Tech offers technological solutions and social innovations capable of responding to the democratic urgency of the moment.

According to Axel Dauchez, president of Make.org and at the initiative of the Charter: "Democracies are everywhere in great danger. It takes a real break. Only a new pact between civil society and governments can bring a majority of citizens back to democratic values."

According to Audrey Tang, Taiwan's Digital Minister and speaker at the g0v community: "The Sustainable Democracy Initiative strives to promote collective action and an open, collaborative and inclusive political and social environment to address some of the most daunting challenges posed by today's society. Democracies are evolving at the speed of trust and I am happy to connect international partners and the vibrant community of Taiwanese Civic Tech to this shared future."

\* Civic Tech are companies, associations and NGOs that use technology to engage citizens, and more generally civil society, in the service of the general interest.

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