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**"Once every 200 years, we get to reimagine everything.
It can be an impossible burden, or an amazing
opportunity" - Rob Hopkins**

So much happened today at the Grand Palais!

- Mayors, investors and industry leaders sat down together to tackle how cities can adapt.
- Across the day, programs like Funds for Change, Film for Change and Africa for Change pushed ideas further: into funding decisions, storytelling, and on-the-ground initiatives.
- Changemakers, policymakers and visionary leaders challenged each other, built alliances, and moved projects forward.

Walking from stage to stage, through the alleys and between conversations, you could feel the momentum building

Day 2 is now behind us.

One more to go...and we're not slowing down.

See you tomorrow changemakers, for the final day of ChangeNOW 2026 ✨

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The moment everyone talked about: Keeping Jane Goodall's Legacy Alive!



"Jane has sown the seeds, and it's up to us now to nurture them."

Those were the words of Galitt Kenan, CEO of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), reflecting on Jane Goodall's legacy to close out day two of ChangeNOW.

Through testimonies from those closest to her, this special gathering celebrated the life and impact of Jane Goodall, and the movement she set in motion.

"Jane Goodall is a north star for so many of us..." Her lifelong work reminds us something very essential: change does not come from systems alone, it comes from you," added Laure Modesi-Jubin.

To leave the last word to her grandson Merlin Van Lawick, **all of us can make a difference "if we get together with a passion for change, if we get together with intelligence, and if we can inspire our young that there is still hope."**

3 IDEAS

A decade after the historic Paris agreement, global warming crossed the 1.5 C goal for the first time. At the same time, misinformation and disinformation have become top threats to societal cohesion and governance. Yet, hope is everywhere and the solutions we need already exist.

Here are 3 key takeaways from Day 2:



There is a right way to use AI.

"AI is like transport – it can be so many different things for different people", said Tim Christophersen of Salesforce.

According to him, **AI companies are getting us to fly their shiny new planes around for free and we are using them to go to the Post Office.**

"We need to educate our customers to use the right models for the right tasks", he added.

Sasha Luccioni of Hugging Face added: "Behind all of this is a narrative promoted to create an AI that is as generic as possible. **There are lots of different alternatives out there**, but most of the attention is sadly on these big models".



We need to break silos with a holistic approach.

Culturally, **we tend to address issues separately**: we have an agreement on climate, a convention on desertification, a framework for biodiversity.

But that's not how Nature works. Nature is integrated, everything is interconnected.

"So why are we still solving those issues separately?", asked **Elizabeth Wathuti of the Green Generation Initiative.**

« With a holistic approach, you get multiple outcomes at the same time », she added.

Breaking silos will be key to addressing the challenges we face collectively, and that's what ChangeNOW is all about.



Everything we need already works somewhere.

Rob Hopkins has a super power: he can time travel to the future and help you fall in love with it.

During a live recording of the Better Future podcast with Michael Mezzatesta, he turned the auditorium stage into a time portal, taking the audience to the 2036 they hope for.

Sure, the times we are living can seem to us an impossible burden, but they can also be an amazing opportunity. Because **everything we need to decarbonize and build a better future already exists.**

There is a war for the future & for imagination, he believes. **What we need now is to build a sense of longing for the future.**

3 SOLUTIONS

If you walked around the World Expo of Solutions for the Planet today, you might have seen, talked to and even connected with one of our amazing exhibitors or speakers.

Here are 3 of them you might have missed:



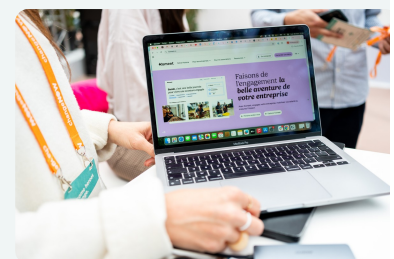
Flamingo

Flaminan is trying to 'make wetlands



Living Soils

Living Soils uses the power of black



Komeet

Komeet is unlocking the power of

sexy' with its crowdfunding platform dedicated to preserving these essential ecosystems, which are vanishing faster than forests. Flamingo hopes to preserve the water and biodiversity benefits they provide by unlocking collective effort.

How can we help?

"We want to build a bigger community of people who care about wetlands and who want to get active in protecting them," explains Co-Founder Tatiana Fabre. "They're only 3% of the world's surface, but they have 40% of the species and biodiversity, and they also have lots of solutions for the crisis we live in today," she adds.

soldier flies (their 'superhero insect') to transform waste into soil-boosting, carbon-capturing agricultural products that support ecosystem health. If you visit the Living Soils stand, you can even see the bugs in action for yourself.

How can we help?

"We are searching for visibility, partnership, and funding," explains Project Coordinator Ganaëlle Toussaint. "We are here to share our solution: black soldier flies. They transform organic waste into an excellent fertiliser to regenerate soils and produce protein to feed animals," she adds.

employee engagement to deliver social impact.

Its platform enables teams to learn about different environmental and social challenges and then take direct action by partnering with non-profits.

How can we help?

"We hope to meet partners and key customers," explains account executive Romane Angelini, with international expansion a key agenda item for the Komeet team. "We are French-centric at the moment, and we want to deploy the solution to other countries," Angelini adds.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Beyond the conferences, workshops, and solutions on the Official Program, a lot also happens behind closed doors and in the alleys of the Grand Palais.

Here's an exclusive look at what happened today!



International delegations breakfast

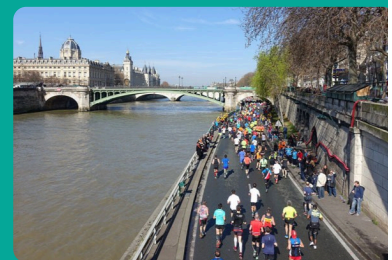
This year, for the first time, 42 international delegations are present at ChangeNOW, covering the 5 continents.

This morning, ambassadors, ministries, city representatives, innovation ecosystem actor & change makers met for an informal



Cities need to adapt to climate change: an AXA x ChangeNOW Working Group

From 5 PM to 7 PM today, 15 public and private representatives met in a private setting with a common objective: **the development of a set of concrete, actionable recommendations for urban resilience strategies.**



An 8 km run along the Seine, led by water experts

At 6 PM, a group of participants met for a rather unique experience

The Running Minds event, organized by the Kilian Jornet Foundation, took participants on an 8 km guided run along the Seine, with insightful stops

networking gathering (and croissants) to foster collaboration and partnerships across continents.

The **Minister of Youth and Employment of Ivory Coast, Mamadou Touré**, was our guest of honor: he highlighted the potential of youth and the leadership of his continent on sustainability topics.

Working in a reduced format, they worked to **identify the vulnerabilities of cities, share knowledge and strengthen collaboration across sectors**, to mitigate climate-related risks in urban areas.

along the Seine, with insightful stops led by water experts.

Participants explored the challenges of water pollution, urban water resilience, and the power of sport as a catalyst for change through movement, conversation, and reflection, all while running through the heart of Paris.

Don't miss these sessions tomorrow!

Join us for this year's Youth Parliament!



Come and vote to build our democracy toolbox!

The session is youth-led, but not youth-only: everyone is welcome, and non-youth participants are warmly invited to join the discussion.

This year, we bring the community on stage for Youth Parliament 2026: Generation Democracy.

9 AM - 12 PM

Hope in Action: Reclaiming the narrative



More than ever, we need hope, joy, and community.

So, how can we shift the narrative, from one dominated by fear and guilt, to one filled with hope, agency, and purpose?

This session explores how we can reframe the story of our future, placing hope at the core, engaging and empowering people to shape the future we want.

5:15 AM - 6:30 PM

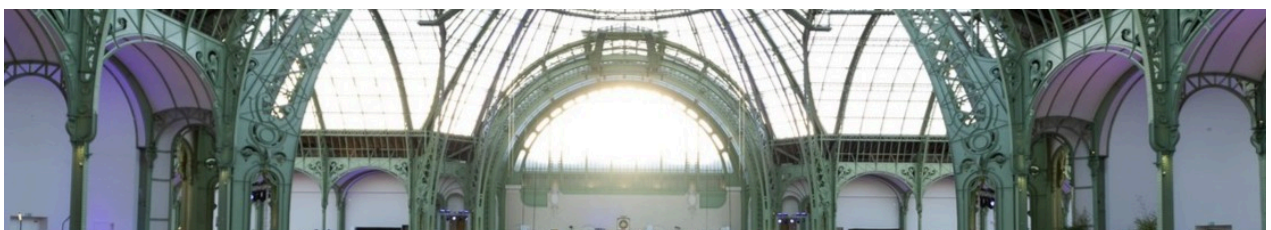
A Closing Ceremony To Remember



The Closing Ceremony is always a moment of powerful surprises!

This year, it will place peace and human dignity at its heart. Through a series of artistic performances and a deeply meaningful conversation with Olivier Goy, we will explore what is truly worth fighting for and the indomitable strength of the human spirit.

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM





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