



BUILDING PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONALISM TOGETHER

**Progressive Alliance at the
Global Progressive Mobilisation**

Barcelona, 17–18 April 2026



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FOREWORD

Something changed in Barcelona. You could feel it in the sessions — not in the way conference atmospheres often flatten into performance, but in the care with which people chose their words. The leaders and delegates who gathered on 17 and 18 April 2026 were not there to celebrate. They were there because the moment required it. Rising authoritarianism. A multilateral order under deliberate pressure. Wars that have displaced millions. A climate crisis that does not wait for consensus. These were not agenda items. They were the air in the room. Progressives gathered in Barcelona fully aware of what is at stake and even more committed to do what our movement has long been called upon to do best: meet the moment together.

The Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), under Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, chose to host this gathering at a moment when Spain's progressive government has come to symbolise, for many, the continuing possibility of democratic and social progress — which is to say that Spain itself was a political statement for the largest gathering of our movement in decades.

Hana Jalloul, PSOE's Secretary for International Policy, made the coordination work across all organisations and dozens of political cultures. The PA is genuinely grateful.

The Party of European Socialists (PES), under Stefan Löfven and Giacomo Filibeck, brought the institutional weight and discipline this scale of forum requires. The Socialist International (SI) leadership brought the long tradition of what international solidarity looks like as practised across generations. Global Progress Action (GPA), under Johan Hassel, Director of GPA at the Center for American Progress (CAP), brought a strategic and transatlantic dimension to the mobilisation — a partnership that widened its reach and its ambition.

The PA is grateful, too, to PES Women for a partnership built together to make feminist leadership visible and supported. And to Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), whose co-organisation of the PA's substantive panels made it possible to bring party leaders across continents to the same table for the same conversation.

These partnerships produce real political work and we do not take them for granted.

The PA publishes this report because our members are owed an honest account of this recent global engagement. Before Barcelona, we stated publicly what we intended to do and why. This report returns to that record — where we delivered, where we fell short, and what we carry forward. Progress, as Pedro Sánchez and Stefan Löfven wrote to participants after the forum, is neither automatic nor guaranteed. That observation is as much for us as for anyone else.

Machris Cabrerós

Global Coordinator, Progressive Alliance Berlin, May 2026

Barcelona, April 2026: Why This Gathering Mattered

Every major activity of the Progressive Alliance is reported publicly to its members and partners. It is the PA's understanding of what accountability means in a network of more than 140 parties and organisations across 100 countries. When we say publicly what we intend to do before a major international forum, we enter into a commitment. This report is how we honour it. A fuller internal version — with complete programme data and a detailed assessment by priority area — has been submitted to the PA Presidium and is available to PA members and partners on request.

In April 2026, more than 5,000 people gathered in Barcelona for the inaugural Global Progressive Mobilisation (GPM). Leaders, parliamentarians, trade unionists, feminist organisers, and party delegates from over 60 countries spent two days on the questions that define this political moment: the defence of democracy; economic systems that produce inequality faster than they produce wellbeing; a climate crisis that is not waiting for consensus; and wars that the progressive movement is expected to oppose and yet often struggles to address coherently.

The GPM was co-organised by PSOE as host, the Party of European Socialists (PES), the Socialist International (SI), and the Progressive Alliance (PA), in cooperation with the Global Progress Action (GPA), Global Progress Foundation (GPF), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Fundación Pablo Iglesias, and other partner organisations. Each brought something specific. The PSOE brought a progressive government willing to stake its political credibility on the case that this kind of coordination matters. The PES brought the convening power of European social democracy at scale. The SI brought the memory of party solidarity across generations and geographies. The PA brought its network: member parties across all continents, built on South-South and North-South partnership among equals.

The PA's co-organising role carried with it a co-organiser's responsibility: to shape the forum's agenda, help author the shared commitments it produced, and give an honest account of what the PA specifically brought. This report is that account. The PA's co-organising role at GPM Barcelona had been agreed and prepared in advance.

At its Presidium meeting in Berlin in December 2025, the PA Presidium endorsed participation in the GPM, affirmed the GPM's importance within the broader progressive community, and outlined the terms of the PA's engagement based on its political programme, structures, and protocols. That decision is part of why this report exists: the PA's executive body committed the organisation to this forum, and this report returns to that commitment — to account for what was delivered, and to draw the lessons that will sharpen the PA's continuing engagements at multilateral forums.



GPM Barcelona 2026 — At a Glance

Item	Details
Dates	17–18 April 2026
Location	Fira Gran Via, Barcelona, Spain
Co-Organisers	PSOE (host); Party of European Socialists (PES); Socialist International (SI); Progressive Alliance (PA)
Scale	5,000+ participants; 70+ sessions; speakers from 60+ countries
Declaration	1. Democracy and Human Rights 2. Fair Economy 3. Climate and Environment 4. Peace and Common Security 5. Gender Equality 6. Renewed Internationalism
PA Participation Tracks	Global Leaders Plenary; GPM Events Panels; PA Presidium Panels; PA Global Connect; Women Leaders Breakfast



The PA's Political Framework For Barcelona

The PA has learned, across more than a decade of international political work, that showing up becomes more meaningful when based on a political framework developed with member parties in advance. Our political programme guides our engagement, conduct, and contributions in different fora. In the weeks ahead of GPM Barcelona, the PA published a framing article on the GPM website —

"Progressive Approaches for a New World Order" (21 March 2026) — naming what it understands to be the structural character of the current crisis: authoritarian forces are coordinating internationally while progressive responses remain fragmented; inequality is deepening — inside countries and between them — while the international institutions built to manage it face deliberate pressure—

and the countries of the Global South are expected to bear the heaviest consequences of crises — debt, climate breakdown, conflict — that they did not create.



Five Priorities Were Named Publicly:

Democratic resilience

Defending institutions, protecting civil society, trade unions, and free media, and standing with parties under authoritarian pressure, wherever they are.

Climate justice

A transition that is both urgent and equitable, built on the recognition that those who contributed least to the crisis should not carry its severest consequences.

Gender equality

The full political empowerment of women, not as representation on panels but as structural transformation of the conditions that constrain women's political agency everywhere.

Fair economic governance

progressive taxation, public investment, decent work, and structural reform of an international economic order that reproduces inequality across the North-South axis.

Peace and common security

Peace through justice and diplomacy, with solidarity for those under occupation and conflict, and without the selective application of international law.



The PA at GPM Barcelona: Five Participation Tracks, One Network

The PA's participation at GPM Barcelona ran across five tracks. They are described here in full to sum up its engagement and political contribution. The sum of these tracks, from the main plenary stage to the protected political space the PA maintains, is what the PA actually brought and where we are learning from moving forward.



The Global Leaders Plenary: Political Commitment on the Record

The Global Leaders Plenary on Day 2 held before over 5,000 people, was the moment when all co-organising bodies stood on the same stage and presented our shared commitment. Giacomo Filibeck (Secretary General, PES), Chantal Kambiwa (General Coordinator, SI), and Machris Cabreros (Global Coordinator, PA) co-presented the GPM Declaration as co-conveners of the historic gathering. That act carries specific weight the PA takes seriously as responsibility. The Declaration names commitments the PA now owes — to its member parties, to the movements whose struggles the Declaration invokes, and to those who will ask at the next edition whether the text became practice.

What distinguished the PA Presidium and PA Board members' plenary contributions was not the fact of their presence but the specificity of what they said. Magdalena Andersson named the historical rupture plainly: the world built over the last eighty years

— on multilateral institutions, international law, and at least the aspiration of cooperative governance — is gone, and wishing it back is counterproductive. Lars Klingbeil drew a line this moment demands: in times of polarisation, progressives do not retreat into comfort. They organise, build alliances, and refuse to let division be the only available political grammar.

"In times of war, in times of crisis, in times of polarization, progressives do not retreat. We organise. We lead. We build alliances where others try to divide us."

Lars Klingbeil

SPD Germany — PA Presidium Member — Global Leaders Plenary, Barcelona





"The world as we know it — for the last 80 years — is gone. And it will not come back. As progressives, we have to find an answer. That is our responsibility to the millions of people across the world that trust us to build a better future for all."

Magdalena Andersson

SAP Sweden — PA Presidium Member — Global Leaders Plenary, Barcelona

Machris Cabreros named who the mobilisation was for: billions of people, not billionaires; a fair economy and a liveable planet; democracy, not oligarchy. Risa Hontiveros spoke on what institutions owe those who depend on them — and what happens when those



"This is a mobilisation for billions of people, not for billionaires — for a fair economy, for the planet, for our democracy, and not for oligarchs. This is the progressive mobilization of our time — from Barcelona to Manila, to Johannesburg, to Buenos Aires, to Tokyo: Adelante."

Machris Cabreros

PA Global Coordinator — Global Leaders Plenary, Barcelona

institutions buckle under pressure. Mohammad Shtayyeh brought Palestine into the plenary as a shared global struggle for justice and peace.

Ndaba Gaolathe argued that progressive social policy must



"It is not a strong man who promises order that makes life bearable. It is functional, trustworthy institutions that truly serve the people. But we have also watched those institutions come under great pressure — and the price is paid, as it always is, by the most vulnerable."

Risa Hontiveros

Akbayan Philippines — PA Board Member — Global Leaders Plenary, Barcelona

give people real pathways out of poverty — not manage their hardship from a distance, but invest in their active participation in the economy and in public life.

The PA Panels: Political Exchange Across Regions

The PA organised two substantive political panels at GPM Barcelona in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). Open to the GPM audience, these were where the PA's model of political exchange — party leaders from different regions, different political conditions, building a common analysis and communicating strategies together — became visible to the forum at large.

Shaping Our Global Future Together

'17 April 2026, Room Hannah Arendt'



(17 April 2026, Room Hannah Arendt) brought together Ndaba Gaolathe (Vice President of Botswana, Alliance for Progressives), Reem Alabali Radovan (Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Social Democratic Party of Germany — SPD) Humberto Costa (Senate Vice President, Workers' Party — PT, Brazil)

and Risa Hontiveros (Senator, Akbayan Philippines), moderated by Konstantin Bärwaldt (Head of Department for Global and European Policy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung). What the panel produced was less a set of talking points than a shared reckoning.

Gaolathe — one of the most visible non-European voices at the entire GPM, appearing across four sessions including the plenary — put the choice plainly:

Botswana does not pick sides between great powers. It picks its values, and works with governments that share them.

Alabali Radovan was direct about a problem that European progressives often prefer to leave implicit: when the Global North applies international law selectively — enforcing it for some, ignoring it for others—it erodes trust with partners across the Global South. That mistrust is real, she said, and the first step toward rebuilding it is to stop pretending it does not exist.

"Any country aligned with us in terms of values is a friend. The choice is not between the US or China. The choice is our values — and our consistency and conviction around them."

Ndaba Gaolathe
Vice President of Botswana,
Alliance for Progressives —
Shaping our Global Future
Together, Barcelona



"Our partners in the Global South are watching very carefully how we address certain situations — especially when we use international law. There is mistrust. The first step is not pretending this is not happening."

Reem Alabali Radovan
Federal Minister for Economic
Cooperation and Development,
Germany — Shaping our Global
Future Together, Barcelona





Progressive Approaches for a New World Order

‘18 April 2026, Room Frida Kahlo’



"The rule of law must matter more than the law of the strongest. That is the line we must defend. Technology — data governance and AI — must serve the public good, not private manipulation."

Tim Klüssendorf

General Secretary, Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) — PA Presidium Panel, Barcelona



"We don't have a policy problem. We have a politics problem. We should never forget that we're an economic movement. It's a travesty that billionaires can masquerade as defenders of the working class — and get away with it."

Wayne Swan

National President, Australian Labor Party (ALP) — PA Presidium Member — PA Presidium Panel, Barcelona

(18 April 2026, Room Friday Kahlo) took up the question that runs beneath every progressive foreign policy debate: what kind of world order are we actually building toward, and what does it require of our parties right now?

Magdalena Andersson (former Prime Minister, Swedish Social Democrats — SAP), Paulina Vodanovic (President, Socialist Party of Chile — PS), Jameson Timba (President, Citizens' Coalition for Change — CCC, Zimbabwe), Wayne Swan (National President, Australian Labor Party — ALP), and Tim Klüssendorf (General Secretary, Social Democratic Party of Germany — SPD), moderated by Machris Cabrerós (Global Coordinator, Progressive Alliance), brought into the same room the view from Europe, Latin America, Africa, and the Anglophone South — and what emerged was less a debate than a shared diagnosis: than manage their disillusionment; and the recognition that winning elections — not just making arguments — is the measure of whether any of this matters.

What made this panel distinctive was precisely what it demonstrated: North-South solidarity practised in real political exchange. Timba named the structural reality from the African vantage point — the post-1945 multilateral architecture was designed without the Global South, and too often against it. The question is not whether the global order will change. It already is. The question is whether progressives shape that change or are shaped by it. Swan sharpened the political diagnosis: the challenge is not a policy problem but a politics problem. Progressives have been spectacularly unsuccessful at getting social democratic governments elected, and Australia's Labor Party — with its historic 2025 victory, the largest since World War II — offers a model: trade union affiliation, a genuine connection to the working class, and the refusal to let billionaires masquerade as defenders of ordinary people. Klüssendorf anchored the institutional argument: the rule of law must matter more than the law of the strongest, and technology — data governance and artificial intelligence — is now a core question of democracy and global order that must serve the public good rather than private manipulation. Vodanovic brought the urgency of Latin America into the room: the ultra-right is coordinating globally and rapidly sharing tactics, while progressives advance at half the speed. She called for Michelle Bachelet — twice President of Chile and a committed social democrat — to lead the United Nations.

"The ultra-right coordinates globally and rapidly shares its tactics. We must unite with the same urgency — and expose the far right's lies about rights and freedom."

Paulina Vodanovic

President, Socialist Party of Chile (PS) — PA Presidium Member — PA Presidium Panel, Barcelona



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Jameson Timba

President, Citizens' Coalition for Change (CCC), Zimbabwe — PA Presidium Member — PA Presidium Panel, Barcelona



"Once we have a closer cooperation between progressive forces globally, we have to build new alliances between countries. It is only a few countries that prefer a world where the strongest simply decide for everyone else. The rest of us have to win elections — and build the new world order together."

Magdalena Andersson

former Prime Minister, Swedish Social Democrats (SAP) — PA Presidium Member — PA Presidium Panel, Barcelona





PA Voices in the Forum's Public Debate

Beyond its own organised panels, the PA brought its network into eight sessions across the GPM events, contributing to debates on democracy, foreign policy, economy, and gender equality. These sessions were organised by other co-organisers. The PA's presence in them reflects a network whose member parties are substantive participants in these conversations — not observers of them.

PES Foreign Policy Network Panel

‘17 April 2026, Room Anna Lindh’



(17 April 2026, Room Anna Lindh) — moderated by Kati Piri (Member of Parliament, GroenLinks-PvdA, Netherlands; Chair of the PES Foreign Policy Network; PA Board Member) — a sharp political exchange formed around questions that progressive foreign policy usually handles carefully. The panel brought together Mohammad Shtayyeh (former Prime Minister, Palestine — Fatah), Salman Khurshid (former Minister of External Affairs of India, Indian National Congress — INC), Machris Cabrerós (Global Coordinator, Progressive Alliance), Peppe Provenzano (Member of Parliament and International Secretary, Partito Democratico — PD, Italy), and Rafael Heiber (Executive Vice-President and Co-founder, Common Action Forum). Provenzano set the register directly: Internationalism cannot be handed to the nationalists. Khurshid drew on India's tradition of non-alignment —

a concept built not on neutrality but on the courage to speak truth to allies — to argue that the selective application of international law by powerful states is eroding the entire system. The time has come, he said, to voice that critique aggressively and stridently from forums like this one.

"Non-alignment was always different from being neutral. It gave you the strength and courage to speak to a friend and say: this is wrong. This is against the values we share. The selective application of international law by powerful countries makes the system no longer viable."



Salman Khurshid

former Minister of External Affairs of India, Indian National Congress (INC)
— Foreign Policy Network Panel, Barcelona

Junya Ogawa (President, Centrist Reform Alliance, Japan — PA guest speaker) closed the session with a historical argument that landed with force. Across history, he observed, the largest corrections of inequality have come through war — at enormous human cost. His proposal was that this generation has both the obligation and the opening to break that pattern: to rebuild more equitable societies through democratic dialogue rather than through conflict. Globalization, he argued, has moved goods, capital, and information across borders while redistribution mechanisms have stayed locked inside national ones — and that structural mismatch is what feeds inequality, populism, and ultimately instability. The task is not to criticise populism from a distance, but to remove the conditions that produce it.

Veerayooth Kanchoochat (Deputy Leader, People's Party Thailand — PA Board Member) joined the PES Economics and Welfare Panel with a clear critique of market orthodoxy and a case for the social state: government that does not retreat before markets but actively leads investment, sets direction, and ensures returns are distributed rather than captured.



"The root of populism lies in the expansion of inequality and poverty. Simply criticising populism will not solve the problem. It is like pouring water on the tip of a flame — we must address the source of the fire."

Junya Ogawa

President, Centrist Reform Alliance Japan (CRA) — PA Guest Speaker — Foreign Policy Network Panel, Barcelona



"Countries that continue to open up and let markets do the work will never graduate to sustainable prosperity. The state must carry the flag — lead investment, set direction, and ensure the gains are shared, not captured."

Veerayooth Kanchoochat

Deputy Leader, People's Party Thailand — PA Board Member — PES Economics and Welfare Panel, Barcelona

The Women Leaders Breakfast: Feminist Leadership as Political Practice

The Women Leaders Breakfast was co-organised by the PA and PES Women, under the leadership of PES Women President Zita Gurmai. The session was co-chaired by Katarina Barley, PES Executive Vice-President, and Machris Cabrerros, PA Global Coordinator. The session brought together senior women party leaders from across the global progressive movement to discuss feminist political leadership at a time when opposition to women's rights and political visibility is fierce and systematic. It reflected a joint commitment: that conversations about feminist political leadership must include women who lead parties within our broad global movement.

PA participants included Paulina Vodanovic (President, Socialist Party of Chile — PS; PA Presidium), Mónica Fein (President, Socialist Party of Argentina — PS; PA Board Member), Risa Hontiveros (Leader, Akbayan Philippines — PA Board Member), Sirikanya Tansakun (Deputy Leader, People's Party Thailand — PA Board Member), Maha Nasser (Deputy Leader, Egyptian Social Democratic Party — ESDP), Bahia Amra (Co-chair, PA Gender Equality Working Group, Palestinian National Initiative — PNI), and Tülay Hatimoğulları (Co-chair, Peoples' Equality and Democracy Party — DEM Party, Turkey).

Senior party leaders from four regions, each arriving with an account of what the backlash against women's rights looks like in their own country — and a shared refusal to accept it as permanent.



“We are facing difficult times — not only for our moment of progress, but a particularly difficult, even dangerous, time for women. We must organise — that is our right. Today, more than ever, we need a progressive alternative, we need gender equality, and we need leadership from the Global South. The time has come for all of us to step forward.”

Paulina Vodanovic

President, Socialist Party of Chile (PS)
— PA Board Member — Women
Leaders Breakfast, Barcelona

“Progressive parties have been leaders in women's rights. Our hard-earned gains are now under threat. We see how dogmatic positions are rising against women, against dissidents, and particularly against women in politics. They want to take away our right to decide over our own bodies, to strip us of our health rights, and to repeal the laws that recognise femicide — the targeted killing of women because they are women — as a distinct crime. Despite these circumstances, we continue to fight. And participating in spaces like this gives us the energy to go back to our countries and keep fighting.”

Mónica Fein

President, Socialist Party of Argentina
(PS) — PA Board Member — Women
Leaders Breakfast, Barcelona





My proposal: a platform for women leaders from the global progressive movement to exchange legislation, share strategies, and coordinate across countries — because we are all facing the same rise in violence against women, online and physical, and none of us can reverse it alone.”

Imagine if every political decision — every public policy decision — were made with women's voices involved. We would be in a completely different world. That world requires us to build together.

Maha Nasser

Deputy Leader, Egyptian Social Democratic Party (ESDP) — Women Leaders Breakfast, Barcelona



“Male politicians and politics shaped by a male mindset bear a great deal of responsibility for the world we are in today. Wars in the Middle East and Africa have spread westward, and women everywhere bear the heaviest burden. As women, we have a profound need to build a strong internationalist women's movement under the banner of 'No to War.' Peace-oriented women across the world can take strong leadership on this — on a global scale.”

Tülay Hatimoğulları

Co-chair, Peoples' Equality and Democracy Party (DEM Party), Turkey — Women Leaders Breakfast, Barcelona



The PA Global Connect: Solidarity with Those Working Under Pressure

Before the GPM's official sessions opened on 17 April 2026, the Progressive Alliance convened the PA Global Connect — a closed gathering in the Anna Lindh Room for member party representatives whose political work takes place under conditions of conflict, authoritarian constraint, or political persecution. Party representatives from Ukraine, Lebanon, Iranian Kurdistan, and Venezuela reported on the situation in their countries. Delegations were formally recognised, bilateral meetings were arranged, and proposals were put forward to the PA Board.

Bohdan Ferens (Founder, Social Democratic Platform, Ukraine) made a 24-hour journey to Barcelona. The night before he left Kyiv, his wife sent him a photograph of drones flying past their apartment building. He came anyway.



"Before I left for Barcelona, my wife sent me a picture — drones flying past our apartment in Kyiv. But I came because we must not give up on the idea of achieving peace. And because only with progressive politics will Ukraine have a chance to rebuild our nation in a fair way."

Bohdan Ferens

Founder, Social Democratic Platform, Ukraine — PA Global Connect, Barcelona

Dariana Polo Iglesias (Spokesperson, Cambiemos — Let's Change-Citizens' Movement, Venezuela) described a country caught between two forces that have both failed its people: an authoritarian government on the left, and a far-right opposition supported from outside. Cambiemos occupies the democratic centre — a difficult position in a polarised country — and is proposing a grand national pact: a broad political agreement among all democratic forces as the only realistic path to stability and an eventual transfer of power. Mustafa Hijri (Secretary-General, Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan — PDKI) described Iran as a prison for its own people. Kurds, Baloch, and others are executed in large numbers for political opposition. Since February, Iran has also carried out missile and drone strikes on PDKI party positions outside the country — attacks intended to suppress the Kurdish political opposition beyond Iran's borders. He came with a specific ask: not sympathy, but political recognition in parliaments, accountability for cross-border attacks, and partnership in policy work on Iran and the Middle East.

"Progressive and democratic sectors in Venezuela have always focused on dialogue, on understanding, on negotiation — as the necessary mechanism to resolve the country's political, economic, and social problems. We invite the Progressive Alliance to strengthen that solidarity and highlight the proposal for a grand national pact."



Dariana Polo Iglesias

Spokesperson, Cambiemos — Let's Change-Citizens' Movement, Venezuela — PA Global Connect, Barcelona

"It is an honour to stand before a gathering of progressives who understand that the struggle for democracy in one country is the struggle for democracy everywhere. The world speaks of Iran in the language of nuclear fire and oil prices. It rarely speaks of the Kurds."



Mustafa Hijri

Secretary-General, Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (PDKI) — PA Global Connect, Barcelona



"We are not collateral damage. We are human beings. We have dreams. Life that matters. We have the right, like anyone else, to live in a more equal and just world."

Manal Said

Progressive Socialist Party
Lebanon (PSP) — PA Global
Connect, Barcelona



The PA Network at Barcelona: Strategic Lessons on Political Presence



The Progressive Alliance has more than 140 member parties across 100 countries. Its Presidium has members from five continents. Its Board brings together party leaders from the Global South alongside European leaders. It is the organisational baseline from which every PA engagement begins. The network, its political exchanges, its unities, and its coordinated action: this is the PA's core work — not merely the means to an output, but the substance of what the PA does.

Africa — the PA’s largest region by membership outside Europe, and where the most work remains.

Africa is the PA’s least represented region at the GPM relative to its membership, which spans twenty-two countries. The low level of African participation at Barcelona — in the forum overall and in the PA’s own organised tracks — is a gap the PA takes seriously and is working to address ahead of the next edition.

The Middle East and Arab region.

Delegations from 7 of the 12 countries where the PA

has member parties attended — the highest delegation rate of any non-European region. This reflects consistent engagement over years with parties operating in difficult political environments.

A record of genuine geographic reach.

Across the five participation tracks, the PA ran verified sessions at GPM Barcelona with simultaneous multi-region party-political representation across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, the Middle East, and Europe. That is the PA’s most distinctive contribution to the GPM.

Coordinated, amplified voices.

Several parties from the Americas and the Middle East mobilized delegations led by their party leaders. The next edition should aim to place them in speaking roles across the broader GPM programme by maximizing their presence to ensure that member parties through their leaders are active contributors in shaping the forum’s agenda.



Across the Five Priorities: An Honest Assessment

The PA stated five priorities before Barcelona. What Barcelona showed was where the PA's engagement was deepest, and where it still has ground to cover



Democracy and Human Rights — The Deepest Engagement



The PA's work on democratic resilience was the most geographically diverse and the most politically substantial of its five priorities at Barcelona. Mohammad Shtayyeh brought Palestine into every space he entered — not as an exception to the rules of international law but as its most visible current test. His argument in the Foreign Policy Network session was precise:

international institutions built to enforce justice cannot function if their member states exempt their own allies from accountability. The progressive movement's obligation is to say so, loudly and consistently. Paulina Vodanovic framed the political urgency from Latin America: the far right is not only winning elections — it is dismantling the legal and institutional infrastructure that elections depend on.

Progressives have the diagnosis but not yet the speed. Salman Khurshid drew on India's long tradition of non-alignment to name a pattern the Global South knows well: when powerful states apply international law selectively — enforcing it for allies, ignoring it for adversaries — they undermine the entire system. He called on forums like this one to say so directly and together. 'Tülay Hatimoğlu' brought the Turkish experience into sharp focus:

authoritarian politics and patriarchal structures are not separate problems — they reinforce each other, and the women's movement is both the target and the resistance. Monica Fein named what democratic rollback means in practice for women in Argentina: rights that took decades to win can be taken back, bodily autonomy has become a political battleground, and the far right's advances are felt in health systems, in the courts, and in the streets. Risa Hontiveros spoke from the Philippines about what institutions owe the people who depend on them — and what happens when those institutions buckle under political pressure. Ukraine's right to rebuild as a democratic country, on fair and equal terms, is a progressive cause. Jameson Timba spoke from Zimbabwe about a democratic aspiration that survives despite the pressure applied against it.

Together these were not policy presentations. They were accounts from parties working in conditions that most of their sister organisations observe from a distance — and the PA’s role is to make sure that distance does not become indifference.

Gender Equality — From Presence to Leadership



The Women Leaders Breakfast showed that feminist international political exchange is a necessity in major progressive forums — not a side event. Perspectives from four regions — Latin America, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, and Europe — produced a conversation that was direct, substantive, and grounded in real political conditions. The PA carries forward a specific task:

ensuring that women party leaders from sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia are part of this format at the next edition, both to widen its geographic scope and to strengthen what the session can actually produce.

Climate Justice — The Declaration and the Work That Remains



The PA co-signed a Declaration committing to climate justice for those who did not cause the crisis. It then did not organise a single open session on climate anchored by party leaders from the Pacific, from Africa, or from South Asia. That is the gap, stated plainly. A climate session led by Global South party voices is a specific obligation the PA is now taking on.

Peace and Common Security — The Weight of What Was Said



The PA’s peace engagement at Barcelona was carried by people who live inside the conflicts they described. Shtayyeh on Palestine. Said on Lebanon. Hijri on Iranian Kurdistan. Ferens on Ukraine. These are not policy positions — they are political testimonies from parties navigating conditions that most of their sister organisations observe from a distance. The PA’s commitment is to continue finding pathways for these voices to reach the wider forum, not only the spaces the PA controls.



Fair Economy – The Argument Is Being Made

Ndaba Gaolathe, Veerayooth Kanchoochat, Wayne Swan, and Junya Ogawa brought, from very different vantage points, arguments about what an economy working for the people actually requires. Kanchoochat's case for the social state — public investment leading rather than retreating before markets — challenges the centre-left to move beyond accommodations with economic orthodoxy. Swan's lesson from Australia is harder

to ignore: the connection between progressive politics and the working class is not rhetorical but organisational, and where that connection frays, the right wins. Ogawa traced the structural source of the problem: globalisation has moved capital and goods across borders while redistribution mechanisms have stayed locked inside national ones. That mismatch produces inequality; inequality produce populism; and simply criticising populism, he argued, is like pouring water on the tip of a flame.

The task is to remove the conditions that produce it. More of the PA's membership, particularly from Africa and Southeast Asia, needs to be part of this conversation — not as additions but as people who know from experience what is at stake when economic policy fails and how progressives build durable solutions.



What the PA Carries Forward?

Barcelona was the first edition. The PA approaches the next one as what it is: a co-convenor with specific responsibilities, a network with specific gaps, and a political organisation that said publicly what it would do and now owes an account of what it did.



Co-organising creates obligations, not only a platform.

The GPM Declaration, co-presented at the plenary, names six commitments across democracy, economy, climate, peace, gender, and internationalism. Each is now a reference point against which the PA's work will be measured. The PA's member parties and working structures will carry these forward.

Africa is the PA's largest region by membership and the region where the most organising work remains.

The PA has member parties in twenty-two African countries. Their representation at Barcelona did not reflect that breadth. Closing that gap — supporting African party delegations to participate fully in the next edition — is a concrete priority.

Converting presence into voice.

Non-speaking delegations represent the boundary between attending and participating. Parties represented by their high ranking officials will be facilitated to organised events that will benefit from their experience and expertise.

The five-track model works and will be deepened.

Each of the PA's five tracks at Barcelona — the plenary, the organised panels, the broader forum sessions, the Women Leaders Breakfast, and the Global Connect — served a specific purpose. The task now is to bring more of the PA's member parties and regional structures into each of these tracks ahead of the next edition.

The PA Global Connect is permanent.

It exists because progressive internationalism has a responsibility to the parties that need it most. Parties working under occupation, in conflict zones, or under authoritarian governments have a permanent space within the PA's structures — not as guests, but as members whose experience the network needs.

Southeast Asia engagement.

Parties in Indonesia, Malaysia, Timor-Leste, and Myanmar should be engaged ahead of the next edition, with specific support to ensure their participation.

PA roadmap for the next edition.

Co-developed with member parties. Published on the PA website in advance.

GPM Barcelona was a substantive beginning. The PA arrived with a political framework, five stated priorities, and a co-organiser's mandate. It left with a Declaration, a set of concrete forward commitments, and a clearer picture of where its network is strong and where it must go further. The PA solicited feedback from delegates who participated in its organised tracks at Barcelona; that feedback is informing the priorities identified in this report and will shape preparation for the next edition. The PA will continue to deepen its five thematic priorities through its regional structures — engaging member parties, working groups, and partners who can make that pursuit productive. This report is the reference point for that work.





About the Progressive Alliance

The Progressive Alliance is a global network of progressive, democratic, social democratic, socialist, and labour parties committed to freedom, justice, social equality, gender equality, sustainability, and international solidarity. Founded in 2013, the PA brings together more than 140 member parties and organisations across 100 countries on five continents.

The PA is built on South–South and North–South partnership among equals. Its Presidium has members from five continents. Its Board brings together party leaders on equal footing representing different geographical regions. All major activities are reported publicly on the PA website.

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