

The Paris Initiative

A Consensus Statement on Agentic AI Infrastructure *Issued by the AI Vision Forum · Paris · 4 May 2026*

This is the public, signable text of the Paris Initiative — a four-principle consensus statement on the development of open, trusted, and sustainable agentic AI infrastructure. The text below is the same one published at paris2026.visionforum.ai/initiative/.

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Preamble

The following principles reflect consensus reached at AI Vision Forum Paris 2026 on the development of **open, trusted, and sustainable agentic AI infrastructure**.

Principles

I. The Agentic Era Requires New Infrastructure

We recognize that the world is entering a new computing paradigm — the Agentic Era. The LAMP and Cloud eras assumed humans as the primary actors. Autonomous agents — operating continuously, acting on behalf of others, consuming resources at scale — require new models for identity, authorization, and economics.

II. AI Compute Should Be a Public Good

We believe that AI compute is becoming critical infrastructure — as essential as electricity — and should be broadly accessible to foster innovation, education, and open source sustainability. The Open Token model offers a concrete, operational path toward AI compute as a digital public good: a bridge connecting token donors (LLM providers) with organizations that need compute — open source projects, researchers, educators, and civil society.

III. A Healthy Agentic Ecosystem Benefits All

We observe that a thriving agentic ecosystem creates shared value: LLM providers benefit from increased token consumption and developer adoption; open source projects gain sustainable funding; society benefits from accessible AI infrastructure. This is not a zero-sum dynamic — broader access grows the ecosystem for everyone.

Leading AI organizations have already demonstrated that structured compute access programs generate real returns in goodwill, ecosystem development, and community trust. Open Token builds on this precedent with a neutral, open governance model that no single vendor controls.

IV. Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration Is Essential

We affirm that building trusted agentic AI infrastructure requires active collaboration across sectors: LLM providers, open source foundations, international organizations,

academia, and civil society each bring capabilities the others lack. No single actor can do this alone. Progress comes from working together on concrete programs that demonstrate what collaboration can produce.

Next Steps

Based on this consensus, participants support the formation of a **Preparatory Working Group** to pursue the following goals:

1. Grow Open Token from a community initiative into a structured, sustainable program with clear governance, connecting token donors (LLM providers) with open source projects, educational institutions, and researchers seeking compute support.
 2. Secure sustained, multi-cycle token donation commitments from LLM providers — piloting two or three recurring partnerships with open source foundations as proof of model, building toward a self-sustaining network.
 3. Invite broader participation from additional token donors and recipient organizations across regions and sectors.
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- Acting in good faith if you participate in Preparatory Working Group activities.

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