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To whom it may concern,

My name is Mattias Blomgren, and I am the Chair of Wikimedia Sverige's Board. Wikimedia Sverige is a non-governmental organization committed to the sharing of free knowledge, especially through Wikipedia and the other Wikimedia platforms.

During the last few years, Wikimedia Sverige has dramatically increased its work on sustainability and sustainable development. The start of this work was an international conference we organized in Stockholm in 2019, connecting the work that we do to the Sustainable Development Goals. Realizing the immense importance of knowledge, and the far-reaching impact the knowledge available on platforms such as Wikipedia has, we have also realized the key role that the Wikimedia Movement has to play in the upcoming years, if the world is to change its course towards a sustainable future. The information available on Wikipedia has the potential to shape the views of the citizens of the world. Qualitative information on Wikipedia and the other Wikimedia platforms will be a prerequisite for a sustainable future.

We can, however, not do this alone. We are already working with partners nationally and internationally, such as the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, UNEP, FAO and others, to improve information on the Wikimedia platforms related to climate change, biodiversity and sustainability. Taking part in Stockholm+50 would be a golden opportunity for the association to extend this network, and to, with the help of others, take the work of providing qualitative knowledge on sustainability to the citizens of the world to the next level.

*Best regards,*

Mattias Blomgren,  
On behalf of  
Wikimedia Sverige

## New Registration

Name of Organization *	Wikimedia Sverige
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First Name (Head of Organization) *	Mattias
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Surname (Head of Organization) *	Blomgren
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Contact Email *	This email address will be used for correspondence related to the special-accreditation process.  Eric.Luth@Wikimedia.se
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Homepage *	<a href="https://wikimedia.se">https://wikimedia.se</a>
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Location of Organization Headquarters *	Sweden
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City *	Stockholm
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Logo of Organization	If your organization has the logo or visual identifier, please insert it.  <a href="https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Wikimedia Sverige logo - vertical.svg">https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Wikimedia Sverige logo - vertical.svg</a>
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Representation Type *	NGO
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Mandatory Documents

Expression of Interest *	Letter on official letterhead and signed by the Head of Organization requesting accreditation to Stockholm+50 and its preparatory meeting.
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Proof of Legal Status *	Please attach the proof of legal status in the country where your organization is headquartered. Only organizations which hold legal status may apply.
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**Reason for Participation**  
Please briefly describe your organization's work relevant to the theme of the meeting: " Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all- our responsibility, our opportunity " and in particular link(s) to one or more of the leadership dialogue

**Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity for all**

Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the Decade of Action

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Please briefly explain in the text box. \*

**Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity for all**

Wikimedia Sverige is the Swedish charity that works to make knowledge accessible through Wikipedia. Wikipedia is one of the most used educational resources in the world. It has [50 million articles across 300 languages](#)[1], which are read [20 billion times a month by 500 million people](#)[2]. It has become an [important part of many people's education](#)[3] and increasingly, Wikipedia is playing a role in combating misinformation. [Research has shown](#)[4] that a lack of action on climate comes from a lack of understanding of climate change and potential solutions; the perceived costs of implementing policy and behavioral changes; and perceptions of scientific uncertainty.

Wikipedia partners with thousands of organisations around the world to help them share their knowledge. Organisations include universities, museums, libraries, archives, governments, NGOs, and UN agencies. Wikimedia Sverige works internationally and has a special focus on international organisations and technical work. We have dramatically increased our work on sustainability, and are currently working with FAO, UNEP, UNESCO, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and others as well as supporting Wiki Loves Earth, the largest environmental photography competition in the world.[5] In 2019 Wikimedia Sverige hosted 900 people at Wikimania (the annual international Wikipedia conference) using the theme of the SDGs.[6]

Attending this meeting will allow us to meet with experts and others to explore how we can work with them to educate the public through Wikipedia, one of the most used educational resources in the world. We would also bring a valuable perspective on the role of online education, especially from an open access and multilingual perspective. We would be very interested in hosting a session, a table or any other opportunity to discuss with other delegates.

[1]

[https://stats.wikimedia.org/v2/#/all-wikipedia-projects/content/pages-to-date/normal|line|2-year|page\\_type~content\\*non-content|monthly](https://stats.wikimedia.org/v2/#/all-wikipedia-projects/content/pages-to-date/normal|line|2-year|page_type~content*non-content|monthly)

[2] <https://analytics.wikimedia.org/dashboards/reportcard/#pageviews-july-2015-now>

[3] <https://15.wikipedia.org/>

[4] <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14693062.2015.1058240>

[5] [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Content\\_Partnerships\\_Hub/International\\_partnerships](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Content_Partnerships_Hub/International_partnerships)

[6] <https://wikimania.wikimedia.org/wiki/2019:Wikimania>

(All the fields marked with \* are mandatory)