

WikiAfrica Heritage

Session 1
Introduction

A collaboration with Simon's Town Museum &
Cape Town's heritage sector

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Isla ...

“The ability to share is the ability to heal the world.”

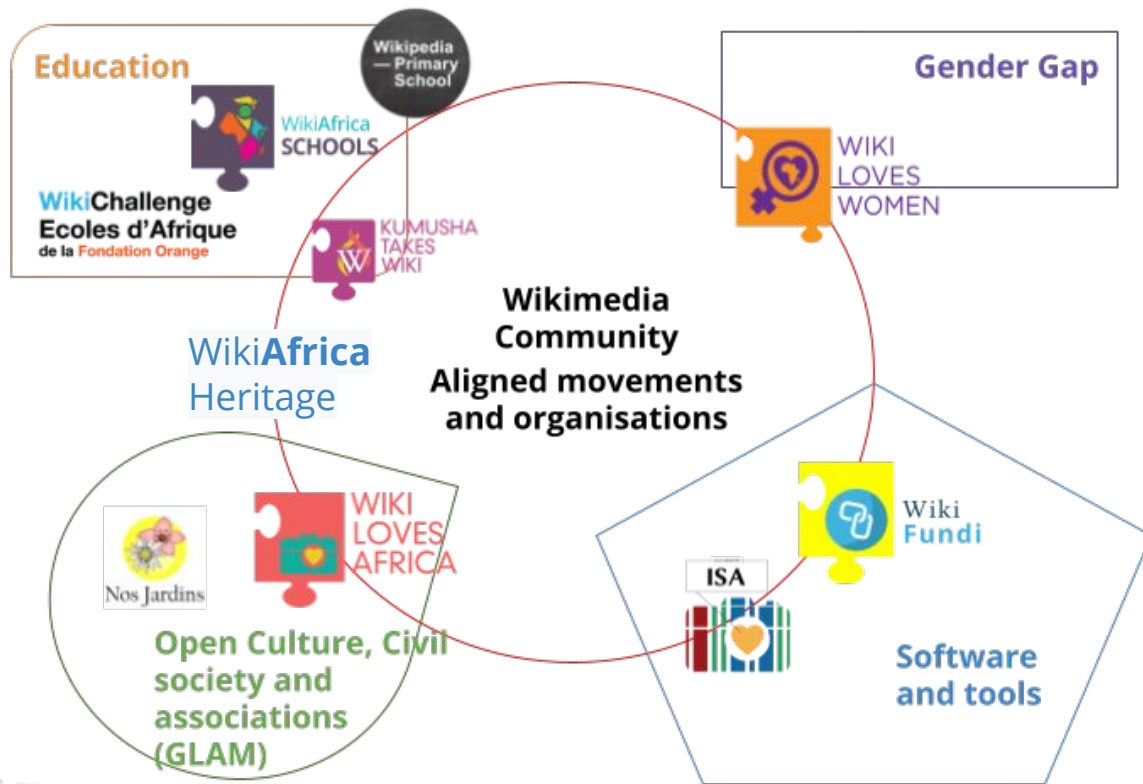
- Wikipedian since 2011
- Started with *Share your Knowledge* for WikiAfrica
- Lead member of WikiAfrica
- Co-founder and co-lead of Wiki In Africa and part of many Wikimedia initiatives
- Open knowledge and culture ambassador
- Director of Communications of Open Education Global.





Wiki In Africa's mission

To rebalance the type and diversity of information and perspectives that are available online about and from Africa, using Wikipedia and the Wikimedia projects as platforms for the dissemination of this information to multiple peoples residing on and off the continent.



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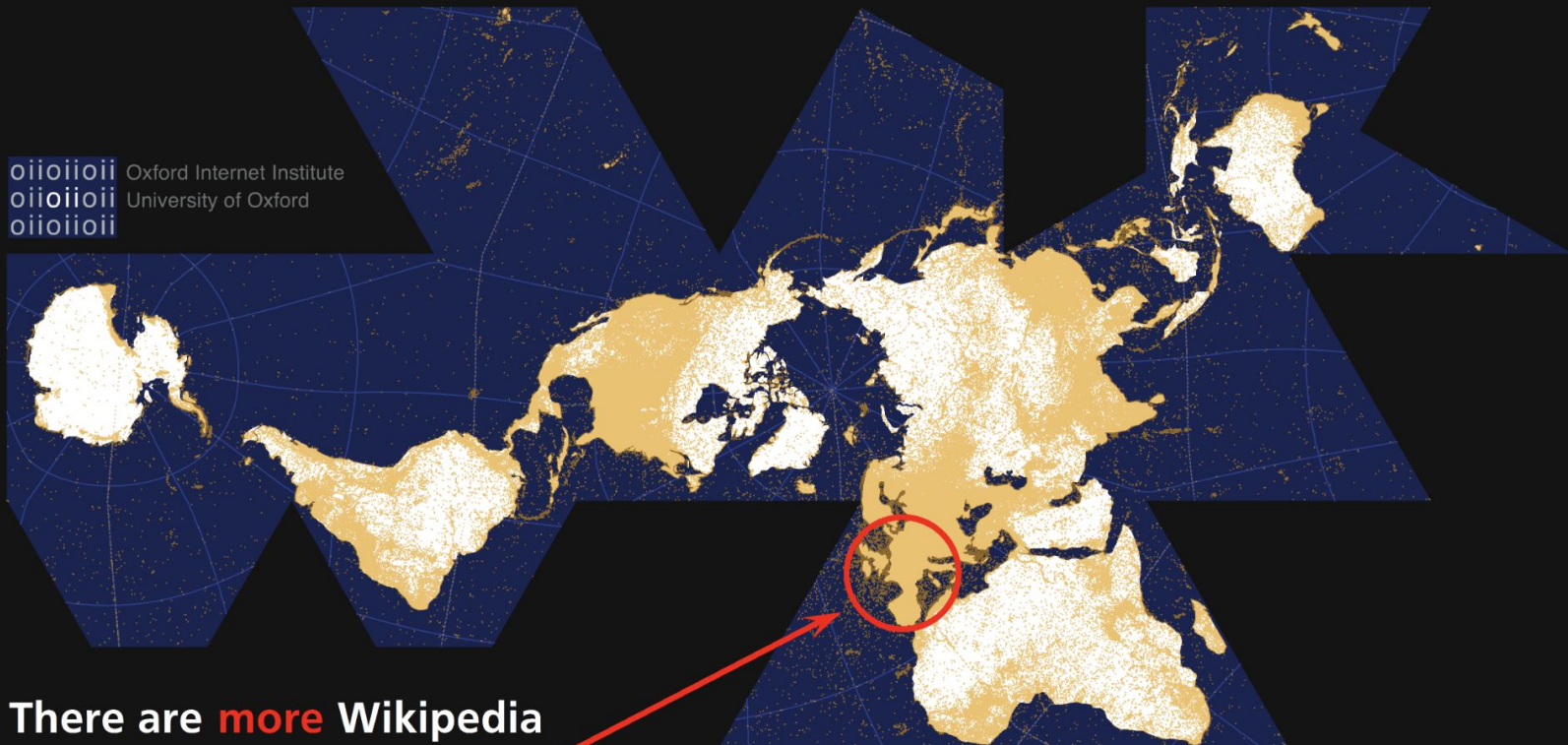
The Africa gap **on** **Wikipedia**



The Geographically Uneven Coverage of Wikipedia

While it is an invaluable resource of knowledge for numerous users, Wikipedia's articles have a strong bias in their geographic distribution. Below map is based on 3,336,473 geotagged articles in November 2012 data dumps of 44 language versions. Each article is represented by an orange dot.

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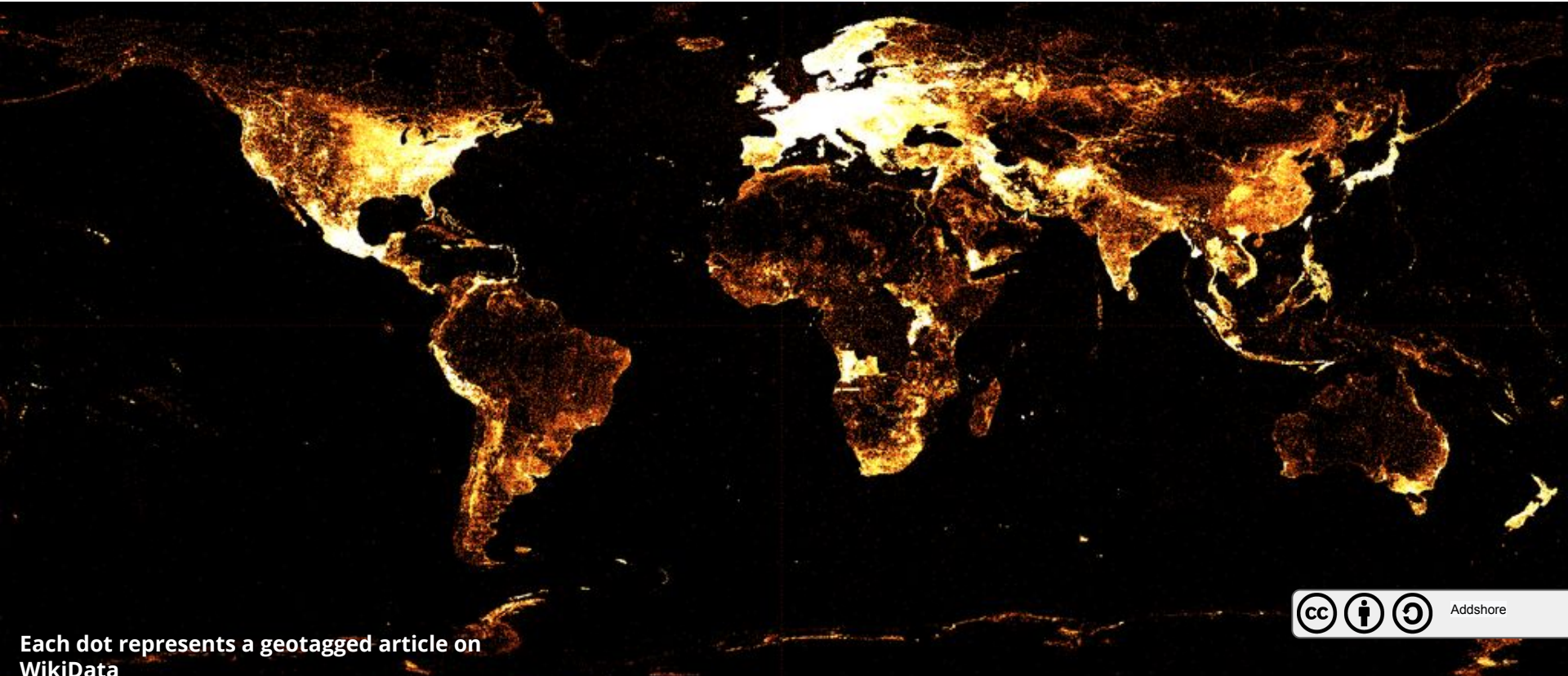


There are **more** Wikipedia articles **inside** this circle **than outside** of it

This map is part of the Information Geographies project at <http://geography.oii.ox.ac.uk>.

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Ralph Straumann, Mark Graham
Data sources: Wikipedia, Natural Earth

There are 100 times more geotagged entries about France than about Africa continent



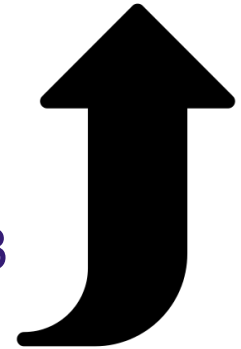
Each dot represents a geotagged article on
WikiData

Who is connected where ?



4.1 billion people or **53% of all people** are online (2019).

Up 5.3%
since 2018



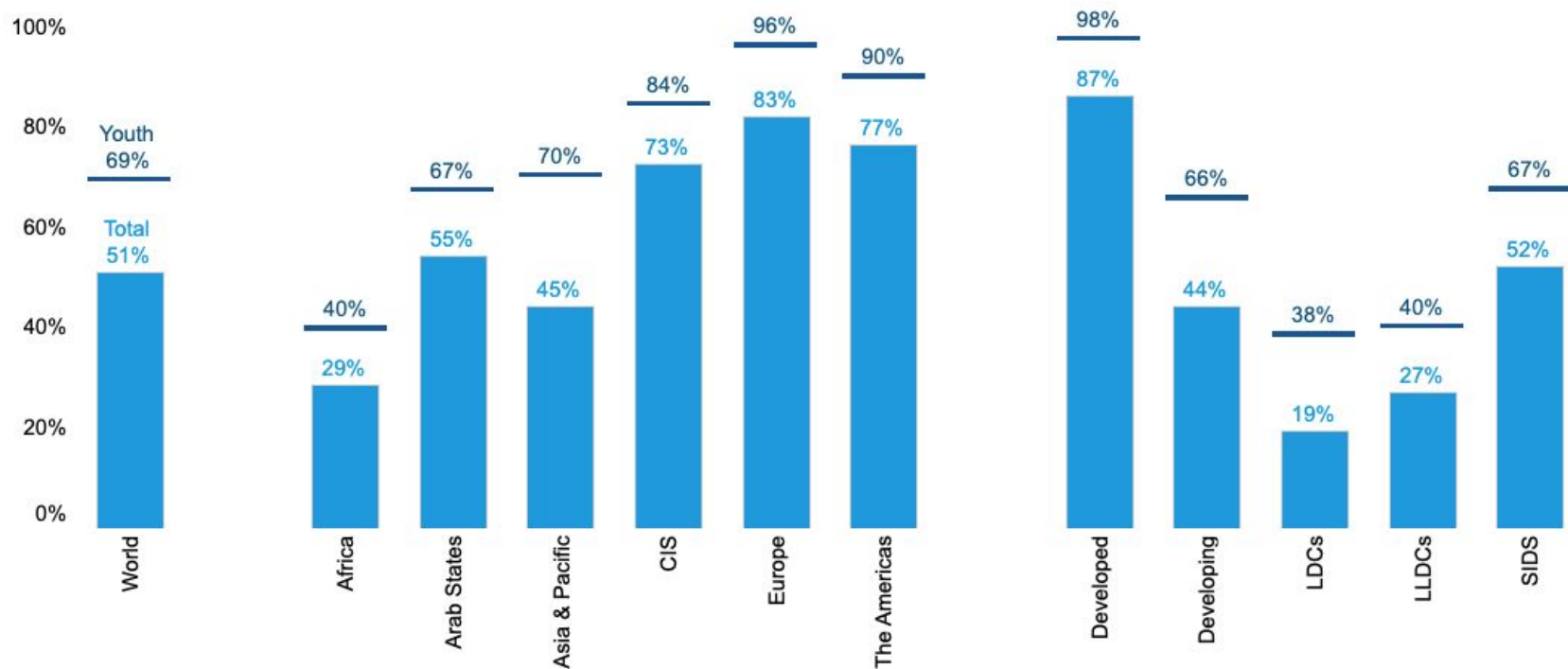
Why it matters what is on Wikipedia

When looking on the internet, what do the ½ billion people across Africa below the age of 18 see about themselves? very little.



98% of the developed world uses the internet ... 44% of the developing

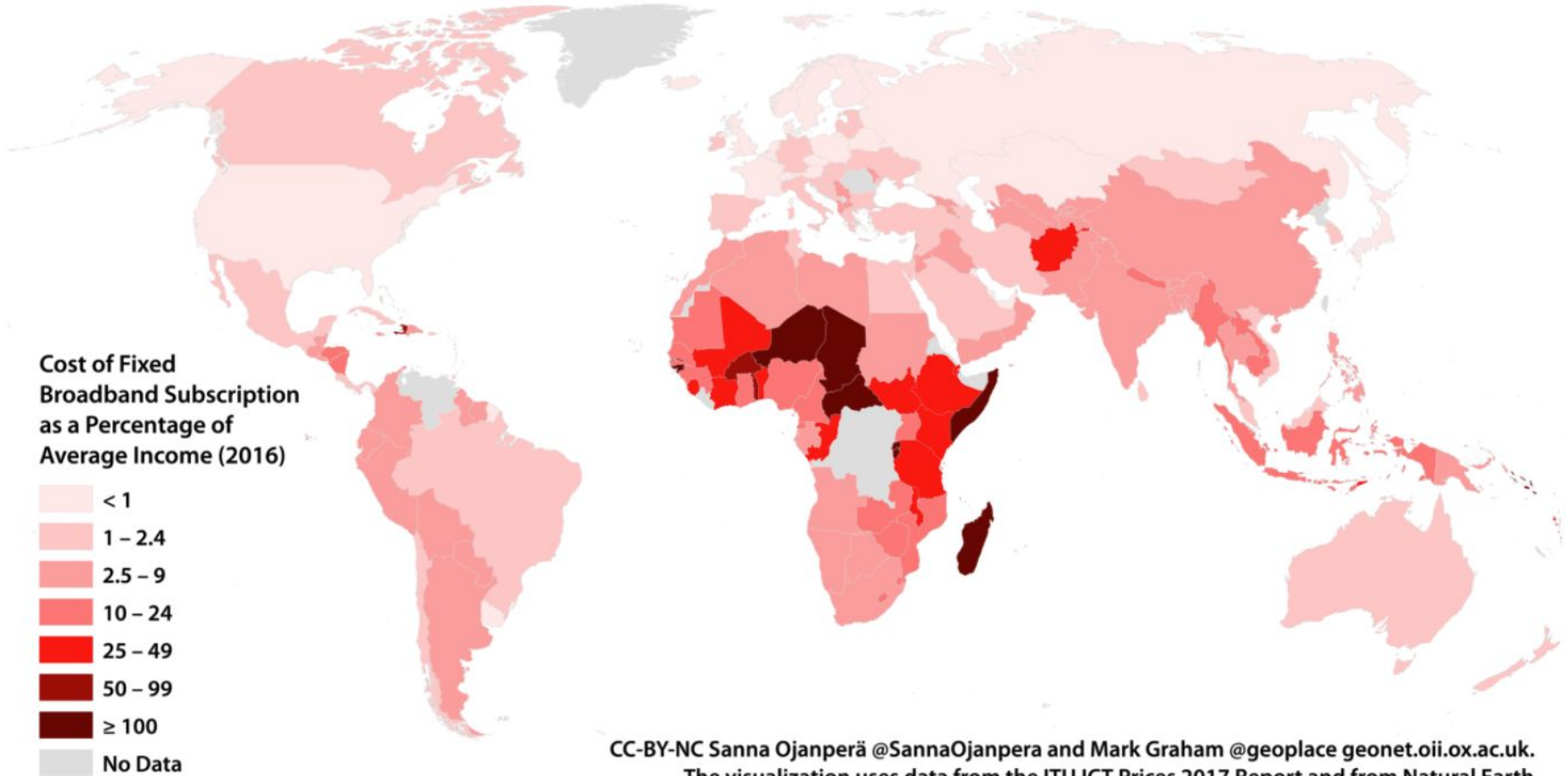
Percentage of individuals using the Internet, 2019*



* ITU estimate. Source: ITU

Note: youth means 15-24 year old individuals using the Internet as a percentage of the total population aged 15 to 24 years.

Broadband affordability



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The visualization uses data from the ITU ICT Prices 2017 Report and from Natural Earth.



UNESCO's

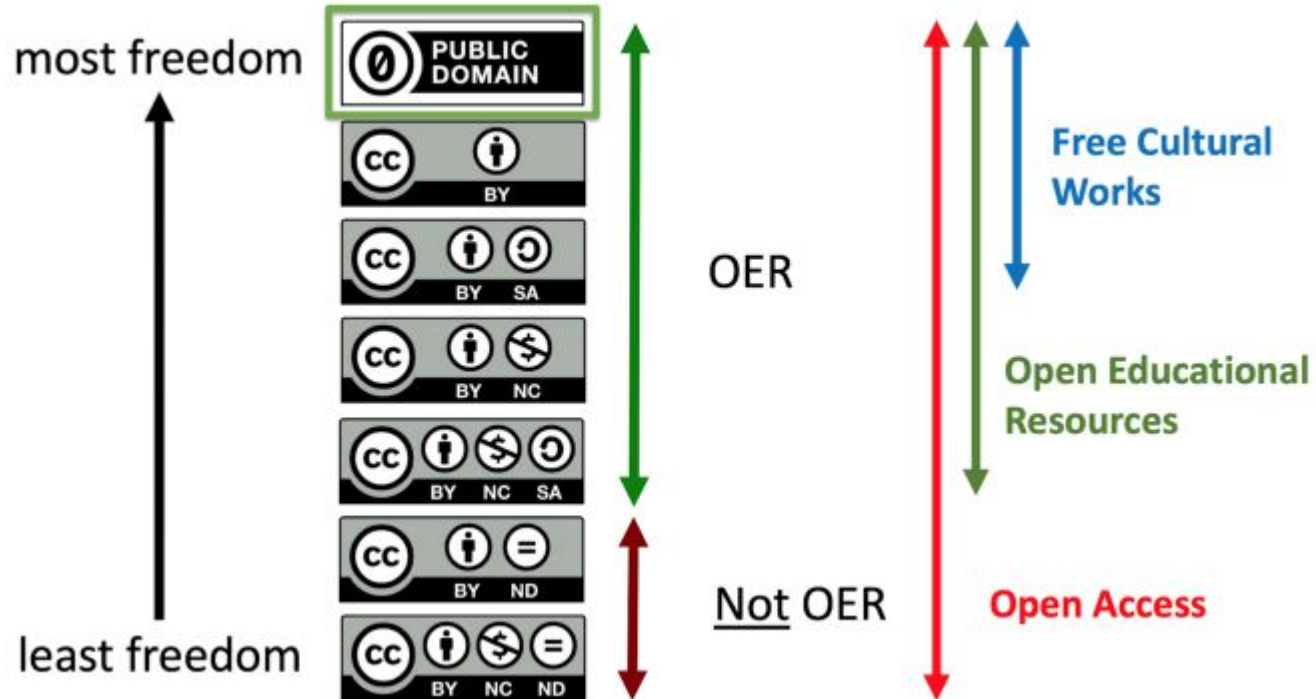
Open Education Resources *Recommendation*

The Recommendation's 5 action areas:

1. **Capacity Building** ←
2. **Policy**
- 3. **Access**
4. **Sustainability** ←
5. **International Cooperation**



Licences ... what the licenses mean



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WikiAfrica Heritage

What will we be doing?

WikiAfrica Heritage 2021

Main goals: Cape Town Heritage

- Develop a slow, manageable, collaborative, consultative and supportive programme with Heritage and memory professionals and enthusiasts to introduce and facilitate the integration of Wikipedia and Open movement practices into the Heritage sector in Cape Town
- Provide knowledge, theoretical information, practical application and programme development support as alternatives in their community and education programmes
- Inform and assist as heritage organisations put skills and knowledge into action:
 - in the form of content expansion and creation directly on Wikipedia, Wikidata and Wikimedia Commons and in the development
 - in the development of realistic community and education interventions that are adapted to their unique situations, limitations and resources.
- Build a nurturing, self-sustaining and supportive local then regional network that helps and assists each other.
- Share this model with communities across Africa to grow and develop the GLAM space.

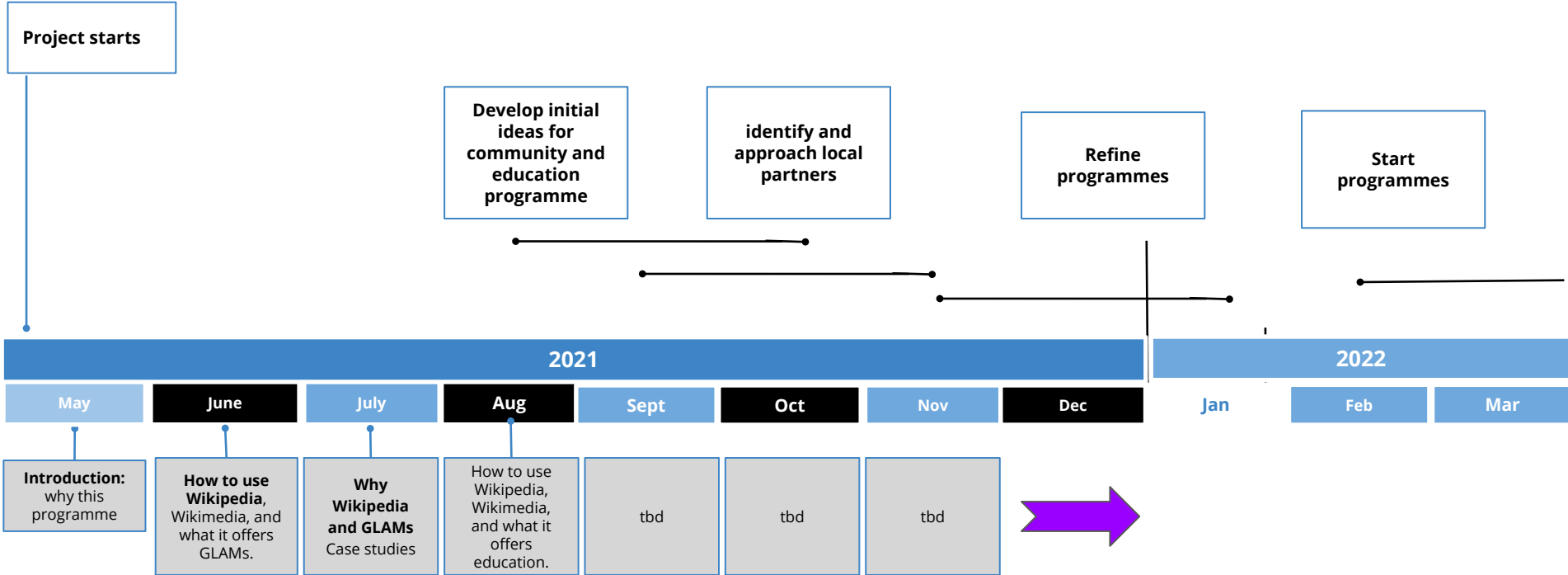
WikiAfrica Heritage calendar 2021

2021							2022			
May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

Main elements: collaborative and consultative programme

- *Knowledge transfer* :
 - Find out about Wikipedia, Wikimedia projects and communities, Open licences and copyright, GLAM partnerships, Education programmes, case studies, etc.
- *Skills acquisition* :
 - Learn how to edit, work with info boxes, add data, upload images, teach others, where the best resources are, etc.
- *Content creation* (practical application):
 - Add to and improve existing articles that reflect your community, focus or passions. Understand the challenges through practical application
- Programme development:
 - Support as you develop your own community or education programme

WikiAfrica Heritage calendar 2021



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WikiAfrica Heritage

Getting Started

Wikipedia is 1 part of Wikimedia

Wikimedia is a global [movement](#) whose mission is to bring free educational content to the world.

Through various [projects](#), [chapters](#), and the support structure of the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation, Wikimedia strives to bring about a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge.



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia



Wiktionary
The free dictionary



WIKISOURCE



WIKINews



WIKIVERSITY



WIKISPECIES
free species directory



MediaWiki



WIKIDATA



WIKIMEDIA
COMMONS



WIKIMEDIA
META-WIKI



WIKIMEDIA
INCUBATOR



WIKIMEDIA
CLOUD SERVICES

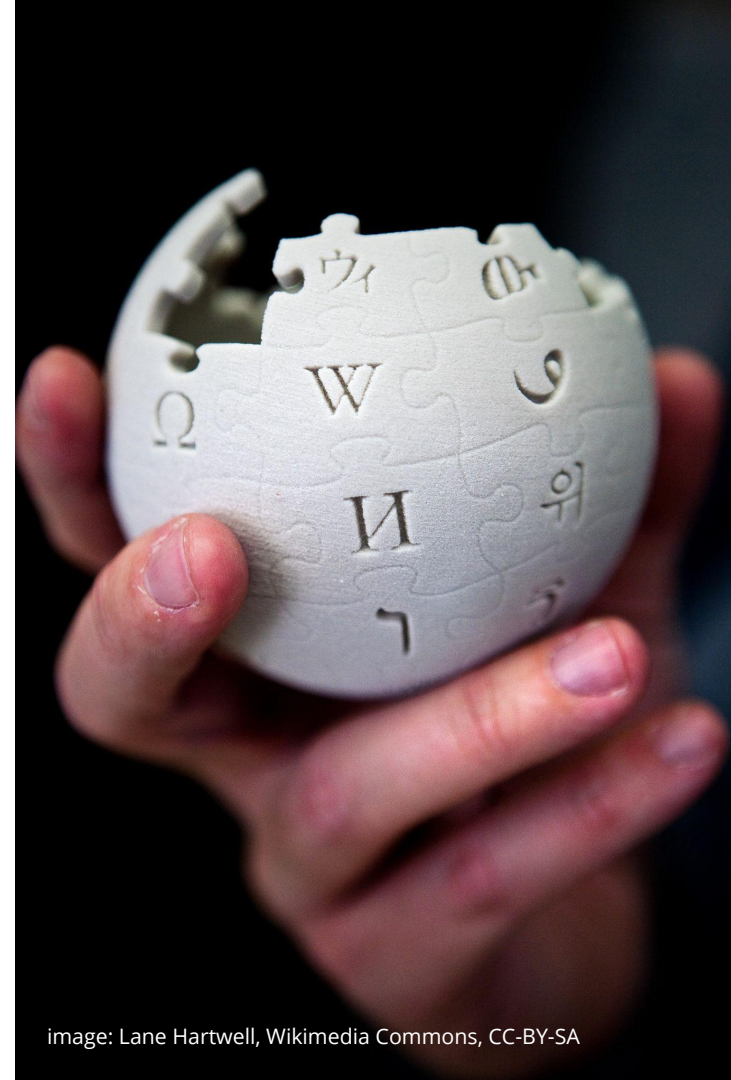


WIKIMEDIA
FOUNDATION

Wikipedia

1. *Free* as in beer AND *free* as in speech
2. Created and refined entirely by volunteers
3. Run by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation
4. All edits/versions are recorded indefinitely
5. 6,299 million+ English articles
6. 321 languages

[Jimmy Wales TEDtalk on birth of Wikipedia](#)



The power of Wikipedia

Monthly overview

Wikipedia - English



Reading

Total page views

10B

April ↓ -3.04% month over month



118B ↓ -11.47% year over year
Last 12 Months (May 2020 - Apr 2021)

Unique devices

824M

April ↓ -4.53% month over month



854M ↓ -6.95% year over year
12 Month Average (May 2020 - Apr 2021)

Page views by country

Countries with the most views for April

3B	United States of A
857M	United Kingdom
664M	India
394M	Canada

Contributing

Edits

6M

March ↑ 6.65% month over month



65M ↑ 2.58% year over year
Last 12 Months (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

New registered users

128K

March ↑ 3.48% month over month



2M ↓ -17.90% year over year
Last 12 Months (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Active editors

46K

March ↑ 8.60% month over month



41K ↑ 9.64% year over year
12 Month Average (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Content

Edited pages

2M

March ↑ 1.61% month over month



2M ↑ 0.95% year over year
12 Month Average (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Total media requests

30B

April ↑ 0.86% month over month



367B ↓ -10.67% year over year
Last 12 Months (May 2020 - Apr 2021)

Net bytes difference

947MB

March ↑ 5.12% month over month



10GB ↑ 4.78% year over year
Last 12 Months (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Monthly overview

Wikipedia - Afrikaans



Reading

Total page views

8M

April ↓ -13.48% month over month



89M ↓ -9.75% year over year
Last 12 Months (May 2020 - Apr 2021)

Unique devices

602K

April ↓ -25.83% month over month



649K ↓ -11.05% year over year
12 Month Average (May 2020 - Apr 2021)

Page views by country

Countries with the most views for April

1M	South Africa
279K	United States of A
88K	Germany
39K	France

Contributing

Edits

7K

March ↓ -8.30% month over month



222K ↓ -59.28% year over year
Last 12 Months (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

New registered users

51

March ↑ 70.00% month over month



464 ↑ 4.08% year over year
Last 12 Months (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Active editors

37

March ↓ -2.63% month over month



47 ↓ -31.48% year over year
12 Month Average (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Content

Edited pages

3K

March ↓ -5.20% month over month



11K ↓ -70.04% year over year
12 Month Average (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Total media requests

6M

April ↓ -30.64% month over month



67M ↓ -2.61% year over year
Last 12 Months (May 2020 - Apr 2021)

Net bytes difference

2MB

March ↑ 17.68% month over month



98MB ↓ -81.22% year over year
Last 12 Months (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

Core Wikipedia Policies

1. **N.P.O.V. Neutral Point of View**
2. **Verifiability** reliable sources, cited correctly
3. **No “original research”** i.e. unpublished data, opinions, speculation
4. **Assume good faith** and behave in a civil manner towards other editors
5. **Avoid conflict of interest** (i.e. editing page about self, boss)

[See Wikipedia: Policies and guidelines](#)

Policies and guidelines (list)
Principles
Five pillars · Ignore all rules · Core content policies
Content policies
Article titles · Biographies of living persons · Image use · Neutral point of view · No original research · Verifiability · What Wikipedia is not (Not a dictionary)
Conduct policies
Civility · Clean start · Consensus · Dispute resolution · Edit warring · Editing policy · Harassment · No legal threats · No personal attacks · Ownership of content · Username policy · Vandalism
Other policy categories
Deletion · Enforcement · Legal · Procedural
Directories
List of policies · List of guidelines · Manual of Style contents
V · T · E

10 simple rules

Rule 1. Register an account

Rule 2. Learn the five pillars

Rule 3. Be bold, but not reckless

Rule 4. Know your audience

Rule 5. Do not infringe copyright

Rule 6. Cite, cite, cite

Rule 7. Avoid self-promotion (shameless or otherwise)

Rule 8. Share your expertise, but don't argue from authority

Rule 9. Write neutrally and with due weight

Rule 10. Ask for help

[See Wikipedia: Policies and guidelines](#)

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WikiProjects supporting heritage and memory

WikiProjects

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platforms on Wikipedia where editors coordinate coverage around a particular field or topic Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums (GLAM)



Galleries



Libraries



Archives



Museums

Practical : Getting started

- Who has already registered ?
- Who needs help?

- What exists on Wikipedia about your interest or community?
- What are the page views?
- What should it look like?
- What do other, similar communities look like?
- Homework:
 - make a list of what you think needs to be added (bullet points)
 - present it to us

Contacts and links

Wiki in Africa

* www.wikiinafrica.org

* www.wikiafrica.org

* [Youtube channel](#)

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Links to explore further: