



## Commons Photographers User Group Board meeting notes – April 15, 2023

Attendees:

- Suyash
- Ailura
- Frank
- Shreya
- Wilson

### #1 Updates from the previous board meeting

Suyash will reconnect with the people from the Volunteer Support Network in order to set up a meeting aimed at discussing the path forward. Frank shares his thoughts on organizing the first in-person meeting for members of our group. With regard to an in-person meeting of the board, Suyash had talked to the Wikimania organizers and he's hopeful that we will all be able to register as participants.

### #2 Annual Report status

Frank apologizes for not providing the annual report as promised. He [started a draft](#) and will finalize it by the end of this weekend.

### #3 Women's Month Datathon on Commons

"Women's Month Datathon on Commons" is a campaign that is a collaborative effort between CIS-A2K and Commons Photographers User Group. The campaign is designed to dedicate to Women's month and all the incredible women worldwide and ran between March 21 and March 31. A total of 34

#### Women's Month Datathon on Commons

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/CIS-A2K/Events/Women%27s\\_Month\\_Datathon\\_on\\_Commons](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/CIS-A2K/Events/Women%27s_Month_Datathon_on_Commons)

SUMMARY		
TOTAL EDITS	UNIQUE FILES EDITED	PARTICIPANTS
41.13K	4.53K	13
CATEGORY ADDED	CAPTIONS ADDED	CAPTIONS UPDATED
579	2.13K	174
DEPICTS ADDED	DEPICTS UPDATED	
37.46K	779	
EDITS TO FILES IN THE CATEGORY: Images from Wiki Loves Folklore 202x in India		
CATEGORY 2020	CATEGORY 2021	CATEGORY 2022
12.28K	19.42K	9.43K

participants signed up for the event that was focused on improving structured data, categories and image descriptions.

#### **#4 WCI 2023 Session**

Shreya will promote our User Group at [WikiConference India 2023](#). The goal will be to have more local photographers from India become members of our group.

#### **#5 *What is Commons?* Explainer Video**

Suyash has been approached by the Wikimedia Foundation's communications team about the possibility to create a short explainer video for people who are new to Wikimedia Commons. Board members are in agreement that the Wikimedia Foundation should create a first draft of the script on Commons, so we can ask our members to provide feedback.

#### **#6 Wiki Loves Africa**

Wilson reports that he's been very busy with the [Wiki Loves Africa photo contest](#). 34 different communities have joined the initiative. This year's topic is "Climate and Weather". The event will conclude on April 30. The next step will be the judging of the photos and videos. The campaign tool for uploading pictures has been buggy and caused problems for the organizers. Despite that, participants have already uploaded more than 6,000 photos to Commons. In the past, photo contests have been a great way to start new communities in African countries.

#### **#7 Museum Exhibition and Commons Workshops**

The first ever solo museum exhibition of a Commons photographer ("[Northern California on Wikipedia](#)") is currently up and running (March 24–May 14). Frank will host four workshops aimed at creating interest in "Taking photos for Wikipedia" and teaching local photographers how to share their works under a free license on Wikipedia.

#### **#8 Wikimania 2023 in Singapore: Program submissions**

Suyash has submitted a proposal. Frank will attend the conference, but hasn't submitted a proposal; he volunteers to organize a photo walk. Our member

Poco a poco has proposed a workshop. Suyash will investigate whether we can get T-shirts from the Wikimedia Store.

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