



**Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
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**Stockholm Internet Forum on Internet Freedom for Global Development  
27–28 May 2014**

**Invitation**

Dear Madam/Sir

The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Internet Infrastructure Foundation (.SE) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), is hosting the third Stockholm Internet Forum on Internet Freedom for Global Development on 27–28 May 2014. I am very pleased to invite you to take part in this event.

The Stockholm Internet Forum was established to strengthen the dialogue between governments, industry, civil society, activists and academia worldwide, with the aim of recognising the mutual benefit of an open and robust multi-stakeholder internet. Together with a diverse and competent group of international experts and participants, this year's Stockholm Internet Forum will deepen the discussion on internet freedom and security with a continued focus on global development.

It is important to continue a constructive discussion on human rights online – among them freedom of expression, access to information and respect for private life – as key parts of internet freedom. This year's conference will therefore focus on norms for state behaviour with regard to issues such as privacy, rule of law, surveillance and control. What will be the consequences of the discussion on internet privacy for openness, integrity, development and security? Another key issue is how we can ensure that information and communication technologies continue to stimulate innovation and economic growth, democratic participation, business and trade, poverty reduction and freedom of expression, and how we can guarantee the enjoyment of human rights in the digital realm while maintaining a secure and robust online environment.

A detailed conference programme will be published on our website [www.stockholminternetforum.se](http://www.stockholminternetforum.se) during the spring. For practical information about the conference, please follow the registration link in the email.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm and the Stockholm Internet Forum in the spring.

Yours faithfully

Carl Bildt