



## The Seed Alliance reporting from the 2013 Stockholm Internet Forum

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The Seed Alliance participated in the second Stockholm Internet Forum (SIF) organized by [the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [.SE \(The Internet Infrastructure Foundation\)](#) and [the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency \(Sida\)](#).

The SIF was a conference that aimed to deep the discussions on how freedom and openness on the Internet promote economic and social development worldwide, freedom and openness, respect for human rights, innovation and global development, through a program structured with an opening session followed by two main sessions. Putting together policymakers, civil society representatives, activists, business representatives and technical community representatives and members of international organizations. The conference was attended by 450 participants from 92 countries around the world.

The opening session focused on "*Internet freedom in the global debate: mapping the state of play*". The session had the presence of Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Sweden Foreign Affairs.

The first of the main sessions, "***Reconciling freedom and security in cyberspace***", explored the concepts of freedom and security and their interconnected relationship in the cyber domain between individuals, businesses, organizations and governments. Much of the differences of interpretation on these issues in an international context, boils down to these fundamental concepts.

The second of the main sessions, "***A free and open internet for global inclusive growth***", explored the importance of ensuring affordable access to internet communication in order to close the gap, the importance of the democratizing effect of a free and inclusive internet and the common responsibility to promote it, as well as relevant content, understandable for everyone.

On the parallel panels the debate gravitated around:

- Global security and Human Rights in the internet age
- Distributed security in a national context
- Free and secure communication in a multinational context
- Secure and open communications: building political, economic and technical capacity
- Accelerating innovation in ICTs for transformative growth
- Transforming international development through ICTs.

The event wrapped up with a final session about "***Internet freedom for global development – making progress?***".





The full event program and social media coverage can be found [www.stockholminternetforum.se](http://www.stockholminternetforum.se)

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### Media Information:

The Seed Alliance is a collaborative program established between the [FIRE](#), [FRIDA](#) and [ISIF Asia](#) programs. The Seed Alliance offers a space for all the program partners and sponsors, to identify and build communities of practice, scale up existing relevant initiatives, provide better visibility for their respective partners and projects, and promote networking and mentoring for supported organizations. Under the alliance, every regional program receives support for the allocation of small grants and awards in their region, while undertaking a variety of collaborative efforts such as evaluation, capacity building and networking.

This international collaboration is made possible thanks to a generous grants from the International Development Research Centre ([IDRC](#)) of Canada, the Swedish Government through the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), the contributions from the three Regional Internet Registry partners ([AFRINIC](#), [APNIC](#) and [LACNIC](#)) that are in charge of managing the regional programs and regional sponsors and partners.

### Seed Alliance Participants at the SIF:

Seed Alliance was kindly invited by SIDA, as a part of the programs and projects that SIDA support. As well participated talented women working with freedom of expression on the Internet. All participants agree that the forum represented a great opportunity to share knowledge and experiences.

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