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Letter of Introduction

To whom it may concern,

Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization that operates Wikipedia and related projects. Wikimedia inspires contributors to "Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge." The mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to encourage the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual content, and to provide the full content of these wiki-based projects to the public free of charge. The Wikimedia Foundation operates some of the largest collaboratively edited reference projects in the world, including Wikipedia, the fifth most-visited Internet website.

The Wikimedia Foundation is interested in carrying out outreach events in Kenya. As the Head of Global South Relationships, I will be visiting Kenya during August, from the 14th to the 18th. Specifically, I would be visiting various educational institutions to give talks and/or workshops to both students and lecturers. It would be a great pleasure if I could visit your institute as well and hold a session that would include:

- A brief intro about the Wikimedia movement
- Wikipedia's Evolving Impact
- Reliability of Wikipedia
- How to Contribute to Wikipedia
- · Other free educational resources such as Khan Academy, OCW Consortium, etc

If you are interested in hosting me and a representative of our local group of volunteers ("Wikimedia Kenya") at your institution, kindly confirm it to our local contact, Abbas Mahmood [email: abbasjnr@hotmail.com or cell: +254722215101].

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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