



## **Representatives of Young Academies from around the world gather in Stockholm**

**Stockholm, 11 November 2015** – From 16–18 November 2015 the Global Young Academy (GYA) and Young Academy of Sweden (YAS) are co-hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worldwide meeting of Young Academies at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden.

The international event will bring together excellent young scientists representing Young Academies from all over the world. The meeting is an important opportunity for the Young Academies to develop their network and collaborations across disciplinary and national borders, on a regional as well as a global level. Representatives from 33 countries will be attending the meeting.

On the second day of the worldwide meeting the EU Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) will co-host a joint conference. During this event the international young scholars will identify how science can support the implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). These goals were discussed at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in New York in September 2015 and will also play a role at the [UN Climate Change Conference in Paris](#) in December 2015.

The GYA and YAS are happy to invite members of the press to the

**Joint Conference: “Scientific support for policy making in sustainable development: Joining forces” (Host: JRC; open to press)**

**When:** 17 November 2015, 9:00-16:15

**Where:** The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences,  
Lilla Frescativägen 4A, SE-114 18 Stockholm

**More Information:** <http://sverigesungaakademi.se/wwm2015>

Among the young researchers to contribute to the conference next to experts from the JRC are GYA member and expert in bioprocessing and engineering [Noble Banadda](#) (Uganda), and YAS member and climate scientist, [Helena Filipsson](#) (Sweden). Leading experts in global health and sustainability research, [Hans Rosling](#) and [Johan Rockström](#), will give keynote lectures.

## **2nd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies: A source of exciting stories**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies and the conference “Scientific support for policy making in sustainable development” are a great opportunity for journalists to discover engaging and relevant stories for their readers. Be first in line to get insights on today's and tomorrow's most pressing challenges with regard to sustainable development and how science can contribute to solving them.

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### **About the Global Young Academy**

The Global Young Academy was founded in 2010 with the vision to be the voice of young scientists around the world. The GYA empowers early-career researchers to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilizing talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently there are 200 members and 101 alumni from 67 countries. The academy is hosted at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) in cooperation with the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation and has since 2014 been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the IAP: the Global Network of Science Academies. The GYA has also benefitted from project funding from a variety of donors and partners.

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### **About the Young Academy of Sweden**

The Young Academy of Sweden is an independent, interdisciplinary forum for a selection of the most talented young researchers in Sweden within all scientific fields, founded in 2011 at the initiative of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The Young Academy of Sweden enables transboundary, idea-cultivating meetings with the purpose to inspire, strengthen and spread knowledge of science and research by: bringing together prominent young researchers from different disciplines to initiate new – often unexpected – thoughts and ideas; inspiring children and young adults to science and research; spread knowledge about science and research; influencing present and future research policy; and by interacting with other young academies of the world. Members are selected following an open call on the basis of excellence in science and a commitment to active participation towards the Academy's goals. The Young Academy of Sweden receives its funding from The Erling-Persson Family Foundation, the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, the Ragnar Söderberg Foundation and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond – The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences.

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