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Enclosure to the application for Swedish Institute Scholarships for Global Professionals for master's level studies in Sweden starting in the academic year 2025/2026

The form must be completed in English. Additional pages will not be considered. Referees must sign and stamp the forms with the official organisation stamp, then convert them to PDF format.

## LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM (Two pages maximum including this page)

FIRST NAME(S) of applicant (as written in the passport)	Dagmawi Amare
SURNAME(S) of applicant (as written in the passport)	Minlargilih
DATE OF BIRTH of applicant (YYYY-MM-DD)	2000-02-12
CITIZENSHIP of applicant	Ethiopian

FULL NAME of referee	Lealembirhan Teshome
ORGANISATION/UNIVERSITY that the referee represents and the applicant works/worked or studies/studied at	Bazra Investment Group
TITLE/POSITION of referee at the referring organisation/university	IT Director
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What is the letter of reference based on:	Employment Full Time
In what capacity do you know the applicant	As a IT Director, I know Dagmawi Amare as a passionate and dedicated problem solver. As a Software Engineer, he efficiently manages projects and delivers impactful results with enthusiasm and commitment
How long has the applicant been working/studying with you at your organisation/university? Please specify number of hours.	3,792 hours

In your view, how would an SI scholarship for master's studies in Sweden enhance the applicant's capacity for professional and academic growth?

An SI scholarship would provide Dagmawi Amare with an exceptional opportunity to deepen his expertise in AI, machine learning, and sustainable technology. At Bazra Investment Group (BIG), he played a important role in developing systems. His ability to write clean, efficient, and well-structured code demonstrates both his technical depth and problem-solving skills. Sweden's advanced academic environment, combined with its global professional network and research-driven innovation, would refine his technical abilities and expand his capacity. This scholarship would empower him to drive Ethiopia's digital transformation, particularly in centralized data

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collection and infrastructure modernization, aligning with his vision of building a national data hub for efficient governance and decision-making.

Briefly comment on the applicant's capacity to contribute to and/or drive social changes in his/her context.

Dagmawi has consistently used technology as a tool for social progress. Currently our company trys to develop scalable digital solutions, in this development process he has directly contributed to enhancing organizational efficiency and resource allocation. Moreover, his strong communication skills and collaborative mindset allow him to engage with various stakeholders, ensuring that technology is used effectively to address real-world challenges.

Assess the applicant's leadership potential and their ability to contribute to societal development through qualities like networking, determination, analytical and critical thinking, and communication. Please a give a concrete example.

Dagmawi's leadership capabilities are evident in his promotion to IT Expert at Bazra Investment Group (BIG). His ability to identify problems and implement optimal solutions help us to overcome with different problems that we afce during development.

## Additional remarks (optional)

Dagmawi is a highly passionate, and solution-driven professional. His ability to write detailed, structured, and problem solving algorithms, combined with his communication skills, makes him an outstanding candidate for the SI scholarship. His promotion to IT Expert reflects his exceptional contributions to Bazra Investment Group. Additionally, his vision for a centralized national data infrastructure in Ethiopia aligns perfectly with Sweden's commitment to innovation and sustainability. With this scholarship, he will gain the global exposure, strategic tools and advanced training needed to lead Ethiopia's digital transformation and create long-term societal impact.

I hereby declare that I wrote the letter of reference on behalf of the referring organisation. The information I provide is based on facts and my observations about the applicant's qualities and performance.

Date and place (city, country)

Signature of referee

Official stamp of the referred organisation