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Curriculum Vitae

Maria Ahlström-Bondestam represents the 5th generation of the Ahlström family consisting of 400 members. The Ahlström company, founded in 1851, has 15.000 employees in 32 countries with products in innovative fiber-based materials, industrial technology and forestry.

Maria is passionate about human rights and equal opportunity for all and her vision is to change the way “Doing Good” is perceived by advocating for doing "The Right Thing" according to universal values such as honesty, respect, and empathy. Maria strongly believes in Strategic Philanthropy and Shareholder Social Responsibility (SSR). Maria feels that family businesses have a unique possibility to influence society and that being able to contribute is foremost a privilege.

Together with her female cousins Maria co-founded The Eva Ahlström Foundation in 2010 and has since actively developed the operations of the family foundation which continues the work for underprivileged women and children that her great grandmother started in the late 19th century.

Maria also initiated, co-founded and chaired the HAPPY and YHDESSÄ projects consisting of several Finnish family companies getting together and working for a more equal and sustainable world with the leading motto “Together we are stronger”.