

Fostering rural transformation – a pathway to a sustainable, peaceful and equitable development?

12 December, 2016 ,13:30 - 15:30, Sida Headquarters,Valhallavägen 199, Stockholm, Sweden.

SPEAKERS AT THE EVENT:



Lennart Båge has had a long career in Swedish diplomacy. Originally trained as an economist, he was on Sida's board of directors from 2010 to 2015. In the 1980's Lennart Båge was the director of SAREC (today the Department for Research Cooperation within Sida). In the 1990s he was ambassador and head of the multilateral department at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. In the 2000s, he was director of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD. Today Lennart Båge is the chairman of the think tank Global Utmaning (Global Challenge).



Ulrika Modéer is State Secretary to Minister for international development cooperation and climate. She is responsible for International development cooperation, the policy for global development and international climate policy. Among other positions, she worked as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for International Cooperation and Climate, Team Manager Environment and Foreign team at the Green Party Parliamentary Secretariat and Policy Manager at Diakonia.



Gunnar Köhlin is Associate Professor and Director Environmental Economics at the Environmental Economics Unit, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg. As co-founder of the EEU he has now spent 20 years working with applications of environmental economics in developing countries. He is currently director of the Environment for Development initiative.



Paul Winters is currently Officer in Charge, Strategy and Knowledge Department and Director, Research and Impact Assessment Division, IFAD. Paul Winters holds a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley, an MA in Economics from the University of California at San Diego and a BA in Non-Western Studies from the University of San Diego.



Ann Charlott Folkesson is a member of the board of directors at the Federation of Swedish Farmers. Together with her husband Mrs Folkesson operates a farm with crops and forestry in the village Selsberg outside Vännäs in Northern Sweden. The family farm also has a contracting company in the forestry sector with twelve employees. Mrs Folkesson is also vice president of the regional farm union for the region of Västerbotten, vice president of the agri-agency We Effect and president of the National Horse Council Foundation. Other assignments of Mrs Folkesson is representation to the County Board Advisory Council of the Västerbotten region and to the Advisory Council for the National Veterinary Institute.



Carolyn Glynn is the Associate Director for SLU Global: Agricultural Sciences for Global Development at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. She works as a Senior Researcher at the Department of Crop Production Ecology, and is the president-elect of Agrinatura (2017 – 2021). Carolyn is the Deputy Program Manager for AgriFoSe2030; Science-based policy and practice to end hunger and promote sustainable agriculture, and is a fellow of KSLA, the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.



Rural development is one of the most effective ways to overcome rural poverty and to bridge the gap between rural and urban realities. Rural development has a direct impact on incomes and food and nutrition security. Agenda 2030 explicitly recognizes the central role an inclusive rural development plays for sustainable development.

Sida and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), together with the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) welcome you to a seminar to explore this topic. The seminar will include presentation of the IFAD 2016 Rural Development Report: Fostering inclusive rural development.

PROGRAMME:

13.30 -13.45 Welcome and introduction, Lennart Båge, *Acting Director-General, Sida*

13.45 -14.10 Fostering inclusive rural development, Paul Winters, *Officer in Charge, Strategy and Knowledge Department and Director, Research and Impact Assessment Division, IFAD*

14.10- 14.40 Reflections

Ulrika Modéer, *State Secretary, International development cooperation,*

Gunnar Köhlin, *Associate Professor in Environmental Economics and Director of EfD - Environment for Development, Gothenburg's University*

Ann-Charlott Folkesson,
farmer and member of the Board of the Swedish Farmers Federation (TBC)

14.40-15.20 Discussion with the audience

15.20- 15.30 Closing remarks, Lennart Båge, *Acting Director-General, Sida*

15.30 – Coffee and mingle

Moderated by Carolyn Glynn, Deputy Director SLU Global

