
MAGNUS LENNARTSSON

SWEDEN'S CANDIDATE FOR THE ACABQ 2021–2023

Ambassador Magnus Lennartsson brings a solid Member State's perspective on multilateralism, UN governance and management. He strongly believes that transparency and accountability are critical elements in building confidence and trust between Member States, the UN Secretariat and other UN entities, and between the Member States themselves. They are also key levers for efficiency, effectiveness and reform. With a strong track record as a communicator and bridge-builder in pursuit of consensus he would contribute positively to the work of the ACABQ by promoting partnership and common cause in decision making.



Ambassador Lennartsson brings over twenty years' experience with United Nations affairs, including ten years in various capacities at the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in New York. He recently took up the position as Ambassador for Budgetary and Administrative affairs at the Mission following a three-year appointment as Deputy Director-General and Head of the Global Agenda Department at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm.

Ambassador Lennartsson has a deep knowledge of multilateral cooperation and UN governance, finance and reform. He was deeply involved in the Nordic UN reform initiatives in the 1990's recommending substantial modernization of UN governance and finance modalities. As Resident Representative of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in New York he organized seminars and workshops promoting dialogue between Member States on the governance and management of the United Nations, especially

regarding the aspect of accountability and transparency.

Ambassador Lennartsson is an expert on UN development affairs having served as a delegate to the ECOSOC, the Second Committee and to the Executive Boards of the UN Funds and Programs for more than ten years. He has also served as delegate to the Fourth Committee, the UN Security Council and the UN Peacebuilding Commission. In 2011 he was elected Vice President of the Executive Board of UN-Women in New York during its first year of establishment and chaired the negotiations on the financial regulations and rules of the new entity. He coordinated two Swedish presidencies of the Executive Board of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS in 1997 and 2012 and spearheaded Sweden's contribution to successive Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Reviews of UN operational activities, including leading roles on development financing.

He actively contributed in the negotiations of Agenda 2030 and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and has played a key role in Sweden's contribution to the implementation of these landmark agreements as well as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

— In 2016 the President of the General Assembly appointed Ambassador Lennartsson as co-facilitator of the Resolution on the Modalities for the UN Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Oceans and Seas) which took place in June 2017. He continues to lead on Sweden's support to countries in special situations, including LDC:s, SIDS and LLDC:s.

— His most recent leadership responsibilities as Deputy Director-General in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs included policy development in the areas of climate finance, sustainable oceans, Financing for Development and cooperation with multilateral development banks. He also served as Alternate Governor of Sweden to the regional Development Banks: the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and was responsible for the management and follow-up of multi-billion US dollar Swedish government allocations to these and other development institutions. He was also responsible for developing the Swedish government's work on Policy Coherence for Development. In 2018 he was appointed Senior Advisor to the Swedish Government Committee on Agenda 2030.

— Ambassador Lennartsson has served in the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs for over thirty years, holding the following positions:

- Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, New York (March 2020 -)
- Ambassador, budgetary and administrative affairs, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, New York (November 2019–March 2020)
- Deputy Director-General and Head of the Global Agenda Department, Stockholm (2016–19)

- Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, New York (2015–16)
- Minister (Head of Development Section), Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, New York (2010–15)
- Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Sweden to Japan, Tokyo (2003–08)
- Director of Humanitarian Affairs and Conflict Prevention, Department of Global Security, Stockholm (2001–03)
- Deputy Director, Western Balkan Division, Department for Central and Eastern Europe, Stockholm (1998–2001)
- First Secretary and Swedish delegate to the UN Security Council, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations, New York (1994–98)
- First Secretary (Economic and Development Affairs), Embassy of Sweden to the People's Republic of China, Beijing (1991–94)
- First Secretary, Department for International Development Cooperation, Stockholm (1989–91)

Other professional experience includes serving as Resident Representative of The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in New York (2008–2010) and as Country Risk Analyst at the Swedish Export Credits Guarantee Board (1988–1989).

— Ambassador Lennartsson read International Policy Studies (Master's Degree Program) at Stanford University, Palo Alto, USA (Rotary Foundation Scholar). He also holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Paris I (Sorbonne) and a Bachelor's degree in Economics, Political Science and Economic History from the Universities of Stockholm and Lund in Sweden. He has a tertiary level certificate in Financial Accounting from Folkuniversitetet in Stockholm, Sweden.

— Born on 23 May 1961, he is married and has two daughters.