



Sida's Partnership with the OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2020. The aim of the organisation is to help governments of its member states design and implement better policies so that people may enjoy better lives. The OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) is a forum to discuss issues on development cooperation and poverty reduction in developing countries. Sweden has been a member of the OECD since the organization was founded in 1961. Like all members, Sweden has a permanent delegation at the OECD's HQ in Paris representing Sweden in the DAC. Sida supports the OECD and DAC through programme funding and by providing expert advice in various working groups and networks.



THE SWEDISH OECD FUNDING

The organisation is governed by its 38 member states through its Council, expert and working groups, covering almost all areas of policy making from economic growth and trade to areas such as climate, environment, health, research, innovation and taxation. The overall OECD budget is funded by its member countries through core funding and through specific programme funding. Sweden's share of the OECD and over 300 committees core budget was 1.6% in 2020 (approximately 3.3 million EUR).

The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the main responsibility for Sweden's cooperation with the OECD and decides on Sweden's annual regular contribution to the organisation. The Swedish Ambassador to the OECD is representing us in the Council. Sida finances initiatives within the framework of DAC's global work program, the Development Centre and seconded experts. In 2020 the total financial support from Sida to the OECD amounted to approximately 70 million SEK.

SIDA'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE OECD-DAC NETWORKS

In addition to the financial support Sida contributes to developing the OECD's work by pushing for knowledge generation and policy development within areas such as the effectiveness agenda, gender equality, environment and climate change, anti-corruption, peace and security and multi-

dimensional poverty analysis. Many of Sida's colleagues have an active, and sometimes leading role in several of DAC's networks and thematic working groups.

The development effectiveness agenda – Sida is part of the OECD-DAC effectiveness team working on how to deepen the implementation of existing development effectiveness commitments. The effectiveness principles provide the blueprint for building forward better and the ongoing Covid-19 crisis has shown a continuous need for common principles for effectiveness. The DAC members will continue working towards this through the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), with the task of regularly monitoring all countries' compliance with the efficiency agenda.

The Multidimensional poverty dimensions are discussed in many of OECD's networks and Sida has for many years been active in the dialogue and learning group on OECD's Multidimensional Country Reviews and lead, together with DFID, OECD, the World Bank and the Chief Economist Network. As of 2021, Sida is also co-chair of the Community of Practice on Poverty and Inequality and a member of the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) where the tough challenges are tackled of delivering results in fragile and conflict-affected contexts and the DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.

THE GLOBAL GOALS

The Global Goals for Sustainable Development include everyone – and we can all contribute. The goals are interdependent and therefore indivisible. Sida's main contribution is to implement development cooperation, thereby reducing poverty and saving lives. Together we can build a better future where no one is left behind.



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Sida is chair of ENVIRONET

The objective of OECD-DAC's Network on Environment and Development Co-operation (ENVIRONET) is to ensure that all development co-operation contributes to sustainable development, by building on and integrating principles of sound environmental management and thus contributing to low carbon, climate-resilient and equitable growth and development pathways. As a member, Sida is currently chair of ENVIRONET and is thus able to influence ongoing and upcoming areas of work by active participation in discussions and provides expert inputs on various activities. The work plan for ENVIRONET 2021–2022 has a strong focus on climate change, biodiversity, ocean economy and capacity development. ENVIRONET also works together with other thematic networks e.g. GENDERNET and GOVNET on interlinkages to move the agenda forward.

Sida is co-chair of GENDERNET

The OECD-DAC Network for Gender Equality (GENDERNET) brings together policy advisers on gender equality from DAC members. The network also engages observers from a number of multilateral organisations and development banks, civil society and researchers in order to share experiences. Sida has been co-chair of the network since 2019 and is active in all policy areas of the network. Some of the new policy areas include the important work on monitoring the implementation and acting as a secretariat to the DAC reference group on the recommendation to end sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment (SEAH) – a work Sida has supported from the start and will continue to support and implement in its own agency.

SWEDISH EXPERT SECONDMENTS TO THE OECD

Sweden and Sida is seconding senior Swedish experts at various positions within OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD). The secondment programme contributes to the strengthening of the Swedish resource base in the field of development cooperation and provides expertise to the OECD.

OECD-DAC PEER REVIEWS

One important task that the OECD-DAC is performing is conducting periodic reviews of development co-operation efforts of DAC members. DAC peer reviews provide in-depth examinations of development systems and policies, including lessons learned.

In 2019 Sweden's development co-operation was peer-reviewed. The review commended Sweden for its leadership at the international level on peace and conflict prevention, environmental sustainability and climate change as well as gender equality. It welcomed Sweden's coordinated approach to addressing the development, humanitarian and peace nexus in fragile and crisis contexts. The review suggested that Sweden consolidate its policy priorities and better capitalise on synergies among its multiple strategies and that Sweden increases efforts to partner with and use the systems of developing country governments.

The OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

Sida supports the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration's normative work against, among other things, base erosion and profit shifting, illegal financial flows, tax crime and corruption as well as tax and gender, environment and health.

The OECD Development Centre

The Development Centre is a policy research institute that supports governments in developing and emerging economies to form strategies to enable sustainable growth. The Centre has two main objectives, to shape the conditions for the development debate and discourse and to provide fact-based input into development policies and practices both internationally and with the Member States. Sida supports projects in urbanisation, the informal economy and multi-dimensional country analysis in Western Balkans.

OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) with its 30 member countries, is one of the leading actors in the quality assurance of development cooperation and has a strong norm-setting role through its work with policy development, standards, guidelines and peer-reviewing.

Susanna Moorehead is the elected Chair of DAC since February 2019. Her current priorities to work for:

- Building back better, fairer and greener
- Financing for development through and beyond ODA
- Doing development better
- Gender equality and leaving no one behind



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