



# Olof Drakenberg

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I was born in 1964 and I live with my wife Karin. We have three girls Maja -92, Tove -94 and Lisa -98. I am a Swedish citizen.

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## SUMMARY AND OBJECTIVES

- I have 30 years of experience in advancing the sustainability agenda in international organisations, business and academia at a strategic level.
- I want to create enabling conditions for researchers in the Global South and North to advance the research and policy agenda to realize Agenda 2030

## WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2019–

**Senior expert, project leader, Global Sustainable Futures, Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development (GMV) University of Gothenburg/Chalmers**  
Gothenburg

On my return from Sida, I picked up my previous work at Sida's Helpdesk for Environment and Climate change (for information about the Helpdesk contract see the section May 2011 below). When the vice-chancellors of our two host universities initiated Global Sustainable Futures (GSF) in 2020 GSF became my main focus. GSF aims to increase collaboration within research, teaching and utilization with universities in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. My responsibilities have included the development of a webinar series with the involvement of researchers in the Global South, planning and facilitating academic conferences, network development and fundraising. In 2021 I led an international consortium bidding for a Global Leadership programme for Transformation (Sida, Vinnova, SI). Recent support to Sida has included strategic input to the unit responsible for the strategy for Sweden's global development cooperation in sustainable economic development (GLOBEC). Other examples include a brief on climate economics in collaboration with Thomas Sterner/Anders Ekbohm and a report on Environmental taxation.

September 2017 – August 2019

**Programme manager, Sida (two years leave of absence from the University)**

Stockholm, Sweden

I was employed in the department for international organisations and thematic support. Firstly, I was engaged in negotiations on climate finance, involved in preparatory meetings at the Swedish and EU levels and as Sida's representative in the delegation at COP 23. Secondly, I was employed as a programme manager at GLOBEC where I managed Sida support in areas of Trade and Green financing. The work involved rigorous administrative procedures in appraising development

programmes, careful programme follow-up, partner dialogues with UN organisations and international think tanks, donor coordination meetings, gender mainstreaming and anti-corruption measures.

May 2011 – August 2017

**Policy analyst, Center for Environment and Sustainability, GMV, University of Gothenburg/Chalmers**

Gothenburg, Sweden

During this period my work consisted of two parts. The first giving expert advice to Sida and to co-manage the Helpdesk contract. The Helpdesk contract involves about 12 persons based at GMV or the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU. The second part consisted of a variety of activities such as evaluations, studies and lecturing/coaching.

Sida's Helpdesk for Environment and Climate change provides a number of services for Sida. As an expert I; a) analyse the environment and climate situation in Sida's partner's countries and give advice on possible implications for Swedish development cooperation; b) comment and advice on specific development projects; c) co-develop methods and tools; d) write thematic analysis; and e) coach and train Sida staff and facilitate workshops for Sida and their partners in more than 10 countries in the Global South.

On numerous occasions, Sida has asked me to participate in international fora such as OECD DAC, the Poverty-Environment Partnership and the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development. My international network includes many donor agencies, banks and international NGO's and I was a long term member of the Technical Advisory Group for the [UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative](#).

Outside of the Helpdesk contract I mainly engaged in evaluations, studies, research projects and lecturing. For example, I led a team that evaluated IIED's Environmental economics programme and on behalf of UNDP I have reviewed the One UN Poverty Environment Initiative. I have a special interest in methods to increase the knowledge exchange between researchers and other stakeholders for better impact. I have lectured on this topic in PhD courses in Sweden and in academic contexts in the Global South. For more than five years I have been an advisor on research policy interaction for the Environment for Development Initiative (Efd).

June 2005 – May 2011

**Policy analyst, Department of Economics, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg**

Gothenburg, Sweden

Same as above. The Helpdesk contract moved from the Department of Economics to GMV when Sida had an open call for tender.

June 2005 – August 2005, June 2006 – August 2006

**Journalist, Hälsingekuriren**

Söderhamn, Sweden

January 2003 – August 2004

**Manager Corporate Citizenship, Volvo Car Corporation**

Gothenburg, Sweden

I coordinated Volvo's work on Corporate Social Responsibility, chaired a business-wide advisory group and reported to a steering committee consisting of the CEO and four other members of the executive management team. I represented Volvo Cars in external networks, conferences and events on CSR and I was responsible for the annual CSR report.

1999 – 2002

**Senior consultant and Branch Manager, Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Scandinavia AB**

Gothenburg, Sweden

We offered various environmental and CSR services including supply chain management, sustainability reporting, evaluations, due diligence, capacity development, change management etc. ERM, a global consultancy, acquired Dynamo Ecology to get a foothold in the Scandinavian market. I led the work at the Gothenburg branch and was a member of the management team and the board.

1992 – 1999

**Consultant, Senior consultant and Branch Manager, Dynamo Ecology /EkoEko miljökonsult**

Gothenburg, Sweden

We offered services similar to those listed above and customers including McDonald's, the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and IKEA. I co-founded EkoEko, a consultancy that later merged with Dynamo Ecology.

## EDUCATION

2004 – 2005

### Journalism

University of Gothenburg, Full time.

1987-1991

### International Business Administration and Economics, French

The School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg  
MSc Business and Economics. Thesis: Environmental integration in businesses.

## INDIVIDUAL COURSES

- Framework for equality and diversity, 2002, Sverige 2000 Inst.
- Environmental science, 1990-91, University of Gothenburg
- International relations, 1988-89, University of Gothenburg

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English– Excellent
- French– Good. I have facilitated workshops in French in Kinshasa, DRC, Bamako, Mali and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

## PUBLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Drakenberg, O., Ekbom, A., Sterner, T., (2020), *The poor pay more - the economic cost of the climate crisis*, Sida Development Economics Brief No 7 Oct 2020

Slunge, D., Drakenberg, O., Ekbom, A., Göthberg, M., Knaggård, Å., Sahlin, U. (2017), *Stakeholder interaction in research processes- a guide for researchers and research groups*, University of Gothenburg (produced as part of the research project STAKE -Practices and barriers to Stakeholder interaction- challenges for research projects, and forms part of the strategic research area BECC- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in a Changing Climate)

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- Ölund-Wingqvist, G., Drakenberg, O., Slunge, D., Sjöstedt, M., Ekbom, A. (2012) *The role of governance for improved environmental outcomes*, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- Drakenberg, O., Paulsen, S., Andersson, J., Dahlberg, E., Darin Mattsson, K., Wikström, E. (2009) *Greening development planning: A review of country case studies for making the economic case for improved management of environment and natural resources*, OECD, Paris.
- Hobbs, J. Drakenberg, O. (2009) *Minerals for pro-poor growth*, Chapter in Natural resources and pro-poor growth -The economics and politics, OECD DAC Guidelines and series, Paris
- Drakenberg, O. Jakobsson, J. (1995) *Gröna räkenskaper – om olika miljöredovisningssystem*, Book, Naturskyddsföreningen/Sv. Kommunförbundet