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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ahead of UN Climate Change Conference COP26: Government intends to double climate aid by 2025

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The world is in an acute climate crisis. The world's poorest are the least to blame but are the hardest hit. The richer countries have a special responsibility to contribute to the developing countries' climate transition. The Government therefore intends to double Swedish climate aid to SEK 15 billion by 2025.

In less than three weeks, negotiations will begin at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. The Conference is taking place at a critical time in world history. We are in the midst of a climate crisis, where catastrophes such as protracted droughts, violent fires and devastating floods are becoming more common. The world's poorest are the least to blame for climate change, but they are hit the hardest by its consequences. All countries must reduce their climate impact to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, but the richer countries have a special responsibility to take the lead and contribute to the developing countries' climate transition. Sweden continues to take responsibility and the Government intends to double Swedish climate aid to SEK 15 billion by 2025.

“With today's decision on doubled climate aid, Sweden not only contributes to greater opportunities for the world's developing countries to implement the green transition, but it also sends an important message ahead of the climate negotiations in Glasgow. The developed countries must live up to

their commitments if we are to have a chance to jointly limit global emissions at the necessary pace,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The trend can be reversed, but not if we wait to take action. That is why the world must now join together to raise climate ambitions.

“By doubling its climate aid, Sweden is showing even stronger leadership on climate change. We make it possible for poor countries to reduce their emissions and make necessary climate adjustments. A doubling of Sweden’s climate aid puts pressure on other countries to contribute more. It increases the chance of achieving a breakthrough in the climate negotiations in Glasgow and thus a faster climate transition worldwide,” says Per Bolund, Minister for Environment and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister.

Swedish climate aid contributes to important investments in both reduced emissions and more climate-friendly and resilient societies in poorer parts of the world. Sweden’s increased climate aid also increases pressure on other rich countries to help fulfil the promise from 2009 of USD 100 billion per year in climate finance. More countries increasing their climate aid would improve the chances of achieving real results in the climate negotiations in Glasgow and thus increasing the pace of global climate transition.

The Government is now making a broad international effort to mobilise additional capital for climate finance and to encourage countries to adopt ambitious climate plans to reduce emissions.

“The world is in a climate crisis with major consequences for human life, health and security. Climate change affects us all, but hits those who are already vulnerable the hardest. Thanks to the Government standing by the 1 per cent goal, we can keep raising ambitions and increasing support to poor countries for climate transition and expansion of renewable energy. Sweden will be part of the solution for the world to meet the 1.5 degree Celsius goal,” says Per Olsson Fridh, Minister for International Development Cooperation.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ann Linde to attend UN General Assembly

Published 20 September 2021

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ann Linde are travelling to New York for the opening of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on 21 September 2021.

In connection with UNGA, Mr Löfven will take part in meetings on the climate crisis, work to address the global pandemic, child labour and youth issues. Mr Löfven will also meet representatives from Jewish organisations ahead of the Malmö Forum, discuss the green transition with representatives from the business sector, meet with civil society representatives and have bilateral meetings with the UN Secretary-General and other heads of state and government who are present in New York.

Ms Linde's participation will focus on Sweden's role in conflicts and crises, such as those in Yemen and Afghanistan, as well as disarmament and humanitarian issues. Ms Linde will take part in or host meetings on the women, peace and security agenda, Sweden's feminist foreign policy, democracy and gender equality/HBTQI issues. She will also have bilateral meetings with her visiting counterparts and UN representatives.

Mr Löfven and Ms Linde will also honour the victims of the terror attack on 11 September 2001.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Education and Research

Accreditation to the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism, Remember ReAct

Published 13 September 2021

On 13th of October Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is hosting the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism, Remember ReAct.

Heads of State or Government from around 50 countries, researchers, experts, representatives of civil society and social media companies have been invited to the Malmö Forum. The aim of the Malmö Forum is to jointly take concrete steps forward in the work on Holocaust remembrance and the fight against antisemitism. The programme will focus on four main themes:

- Holocaust remembrance
- Holocaust education
- Antisemitism on social media
- Combating antisemitism and other forms of racism in all spheres of life

To editorial offices

A Media Advisory is published at Media Advisory. It offers useful information about the Malmö Forum events, the services that will be available, practical information about Malmö and important programme times to consider in your planning.

Accreditation to cover the Malmö Forum is required. The deadline to apply for accreditation is on Friday 1 October 2021 and can be done at Media Accreditation.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defence

Sweden's new Government

Published 09 July 2021

Today in the Riksdag, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven announced the ministers who will serve in the Government. The change of government will take place at a Council of State at the Royal Palace presided over by His Majesty The King. The Council of State will begin at 14.15.

Sweden's new Government consists of the Prime Minister and 21 ministers.

Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister

Stefan Löfven

Minister for EU Affairs

Hans Dahlgren

Ministry of Employment

Minister for Employment

Eva Nordmark

Minister for Gender Equality and Housing, with responsibility for urban development, anti-segregation and anti-discrimination

Märta Stenevi

Ministry of Finance

Minister for Finance

Magdalena Andersson

Minister for Public Administration

Lena Micko

Minister for Financial Markets and Deputy Minister for Finance

Åsa Lindhagen

Ministry of Defence

Minister for Defence

Peter Hultqvist

Ministry of Infrastructure

Minister for Infrastructure

Tomas Eneroth

Minister for Energy and Digital Development

Anders Ygeman

Ministry of Justice

Minister for Justice and Migration

Morgan Johansson

Minister for Home Affairs

Mikael Damberg

Ministry of Culture

Minister for Culture and Democracy, with responsibility for sport

Amanda Lind

Ministry of the Environment

Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister

Per Bolund

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Minister for Business, Industry and Innovation

Ibrahim Baylan

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

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Lena Hallengren

Minister for Social Security

Ardalan Shekarabi

Ministry of Education and Research

Minister for Education

Anna Ekström

Minister for Higher Education and Research

Matilda Ernkrans

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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Ann Linde

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Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs

Anna Hallberg



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Latvian President Egils Levits

Published 18 June 2021

On Tuesday 22 June 2021, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Latvian President Egils Levits. They will discuss matters including relations between the two countries, the security situation in the neighbourhood, management of the COVID-19 pandemic and EU matters such as the rule of law.

Mr Levits is visiting Sweden in recognition of the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Sweden and Latvia and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations.

During his visit, Mr Levits will also be received at an audience with HM The King, and meet Speaker of the Riksdag Andreas Norlén.

Mr Levits will then move on to Uppsala, where he will visit Uppsala University and meet County Governor Göran Enander.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda

Published 15 June 2021

On Wednesday 16 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda. Mr Löfven and Mr Nausėda will discuss regional security and defence, current EU issues, the situation in Belarus and the Eastern Neighborhood, and relations between Sweden and Lithuania, for example with regard to investments, the business climate and people to people contacts.

Mr Nausėda is paying an official visit to Sweden to mark the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Sweden and Lithuania and the 30th anniversary of their re-establishment.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive European Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius

Published 11 June 2021

On Monday 14 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius.

Mr Löfven and Commissioner Sinkevičius will discuss the European Green Deal, including forest-related issues.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive President of the Swiss Confederation Guy Parmelin

Published 11 June 2021

On Monday 14 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President of the Swiss Confederation Guy Parmelin in Stockholm. Mr Löfven and Mr Parmelin will discuss relations between their countries, including in trade and innovation. They will also discuss relations between the EU and Switzerland and they can work even more closely together in multilateral organisations such as the UN and the OSCE.

Mr Parmelin's visit to Sweden will also include an audience with HM The King. In addition, he will meet Speaker of the Riksdag Andreas Norlén, take part in an innovation seminar at the Riksdag, and meet with Minister for Business, Industry and Innovation Ibrahim Baylan and Minister for Higher Education and Research Matilda Ernkrans.

In connection with the meeting with the Prime Minister, a Memorandum of Understanding on innovation collaboration will be signed between Sweden's innovation agency Vinnova and its Swiss counterpart, InnoSuisse.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven in WHO meeting on strengthening global health efforts

Published 05 May 2021

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven participated in a round-table discussion on Tuesday with the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPPR).

“I expressed Sweden’s strong support for multilateral cooperation, the UN and above all the WHO in the coordination of global health efforts. We need to give the UN and the WHO a stronger mandate so that we can be better prepared for future crises. Sweden welcomes an international pandemic treaty that builds on the International Health Regulations (IHR),” says Mr Löfven.

The IPPPR had invited a number of heads of state and government to provide some insight into its upcoming final report on how the WHO has coordinated global efforts during the pandemic and how the international system for health security can be improved in order to be better prepared for future crises.

The report will be presented at the end of the month.

IPPPR Co-Chairs Helen Clark and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf led the discussion. In addition to Mr Löfven, heads of state and government from New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Ethiopia and Rwanda, as well as Spain’s foreign minister, also participated.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to participate in WHO's independent pandemic panel on 4 May

Published 03 May 2021

On Tuesday, 4 May, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will participate in a round-table discussion with the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPPR), which was established by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The IPPPR has invited a number of heads of state and government to provide some insight into its upcoming final report into how the WHO has coordinated global efforts during the pandemic and how the international system for health security can be improved in order to stand better prepared for future crises.

The discussion will be led by Helen Clark and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in their roles as co-chairs of the IPPPR. In addition to Mr Löfven, heads of state and government from New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Ghana will also participate.

The WHO's final report will be presented at the World Health Assembly (WHA) on 24 May–1 June 2021.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

The Riksdag and the Government congratulated HM The King on his 75th birthday

Published 03 May 2021

On 30 April, First Deputy Speaker Åsa Lindestam and Prime Minister Stefan Löfven congratulated HM The King on his 75th birthday. At a reception at the Royal Palace, a gift from the Riksdag and the Government – a medallion of the King to be hung in the Riksdag Building – was presented.

“The King has not only reached the respectable age of 75, but he has also sat on the throne longer than any other Swedish monarch. It therefore feels natural that the Riksdag and the Government give a gift that is linked to his becoming King in 1973 and the close relations that exist between the Head of State and the Riksdag,” said Ms Lindestam when presenting the gift.

“On behalf of the Government, I would like to thank the King for his long and dedicated work for our country. As the Head of State now turns 75, may I say that he has successfully lived up to the motto he chose in 1973: For Sweden – With the times,” said Mr Löfven.

The gift

The gift from the Riksdag and the Government to King Carl XVI Gustaf is a plaster medallion of the King by artist Ernst Nordin (1934–). The medallion has a diameter of 65 centimetres and is edged with classic beading.

The medallion was made by Herman Bergman Konstgjuteri AB in cooperation with Ernst Nordin. It is to hang together with the medallion of

King Gustaf VI Adolf already hanging in the Riksdag. When this medallion needed to be moved following renovations, the idea arose of complementing it with one representing King Carl XVI Gustaf.

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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven on virtual visit to Singapore

Published 29 March 2021

On Monday 29 March, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is on a virtual visit to Singapore.

The visit includes talks with Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong, an event to promote international sustainable investments in Sweden and a meeting with world-leading Swedish enterprises in Singapore and South-East Asia.

The aim is to strengthen bilateral trade and investment exchange between Sweden and Singapore as part of building more sustainable and resilient societies after the pandemic. Cooperation areas such as smart cities, 5G, technical solutions for financial services, health and medical care of the future, and artificial intelligence are some of the topics up for discussion.

“I look forward to my virtual visit to Singapore and discussions with Prime Minister Lee, the world-leading enterprises on the ground and various investors. An important part of building sustainable and resilient societies after the pandemic is strengthening the green trade and investment exchange. Sweden and Singapore have strong common interests in this area,” says Mr Löfven.

Singapore is an important financial and commercial hub in South-East Asia. There are currently more than 200 Swedish enterprises in the country. In addition to the close collaboration between industry and trade, Singapore’s importance as an investor in Sweden in both enterprises and through funds has grown in recent years. The exchange is of great importance for jobs, enterprises and growth in Sweden, such as 5G contracts for Ericsson and purchases of buses and transport vehicles from Volvo and Scania.

Regional developments, including the very troubling situation in Myanmar, democracy issues, joint support for free trade and multilateralism – including in the framework of the collaboration between the EU and the regional organisation ASEAN – will also be discussed.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Congratulations from the Prime Minister

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“My warmest congratulations to Princess Sofia, Prince Carl Philip and their sons Prince Alexander and Prince Gabriel on the addition of their newest family member today. I am delighted that everything went well and wish the family all the best,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Digital summit between Swedish Prime Minister Löfven and Indian Prime Minister Modi

Published 05 March 2021

On Friday 5 March, Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will participate in a digital summit with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“I look forward to tomorrow’s summit with India – not least the discussions on how we can strengthen cooperation to combat the pandemic and build more resilient, sustainable and gender equal societies after COVID-19. We will present a series of initiatives on themes such as climate change, innovation and coordinated health efforts,” says Mr Löfven.

The summit will therefore focus particularly on innovation, environmental technologies and coordinated health efforts, in addition to a range of new joint initiatives that will be presented. Swedish-Indian cooperation in these areas will be deepened within the scope of the action plan and innovation partnership established at the 2018 summit, when Mr Modi visited Stockholm.

Climate cooperation will be strengthened within the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) that Mr Löfven and Mr Modi launched during the UN summit in New York in 2019. LeadIT pushes for climate transition in heavy and energy-intensive industries – a collaboration that an increasing number of countries and businesses are joining.

India plays an important role in the global arena. Regional development and our cooperation in support of international peace, security and multilateralism – including within the UN and together with the EU – will be discussed during the meeting.

India is also an important economic partner for Sweden and opportunities to strengthen trade, exports and investments will be discussed further. India is one of the world's fastest-growing economies and the exchange between our countries is very important for jobs, businesses and growth in Sweden.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Employment, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Government reshuffle, 5 February 2021

Published 05 February 2021

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven today announced a government reshuffle. Two new ministers have been appointed, and two ministers have been given revised areas of responsibility. Minister Isabella Lövin is leaving her post.

Newly appointed ministers

Ministry of Employment

Minister for Gender Equality and Housing, with responsibility for urban development, anti-segregation and anti-discrimination: Märta Stenevi

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Minister for International Development Cooperation: Per Olsson Fridh

Ministers with revised areas of responsibility

Ministry of Finance

Minister for Financial Markets and Deputy Minister for Finance: Åsa Lindhagen

Ministry of the Environment

Minister for Environment and Climate: Per Bolund



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education and Research

Swedish Holocaust Museum to be established

Published 27 January 2021

Today, 27 January, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Government has announced that a Swedish Holocaust museum is to be established in July 2022 and will be located in Stockholm.

The Statement of Government Policy presented by Stefan Löfven in the Riksdag in January 2019 announced that a new museum would be established to preserve and perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust. The museum will be established in 2022 and it will be located in Stockholm to make it easier for school pupils and the general public from around the country to visit.

“I have promised survivors to do what I can as Prime Minister for Holocaust remembrance and combating antisemitism today. The Swedish Holocaust museum and the international forum in Malmö later this year are part of those efforts,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

“Collecting testimonies and accounts of historical events is part of remembering and honouring those who died and ensuring that the Holocaust is never forgotten. A museum that compiles the names and accounts of survivors will become part of the cultural heritage that we preserve together for the future,” says Minister for Culture and Democracy Amanda Lind.

“This museum will fulfil so many important aims. It is a place for remembrance, but also a place where future generations can learn about what undemocratic forces and phenomena such as antisemitism, conspiracy theories and polarisation can lead to. We must all learn from history,” says Minister for Education Anna Ekström.

The Government will soon task the relevant museums agency with establishing the museum. Integrating it into an existing agency should ensure a streamlined process while maintaining a high standard.

The Holocaust museum should collaborate with many key actors, such as county museums and local museums, both to facilitate involvement of the country's entire population in the activities and because the accounts, testimonies, objects and places connected to the Holocaust are found throughout the country.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Central role for environment and climate in this year's Human Development Report

Published 16 December 2020

Today, Sweden will co-host the global launch of the UN flagship project, the Human Development Report. This year's report highlights how economic and human development can occur and be promoted in a way that does not come at the expense of the planet's resources.

In addition, an upgraded version of the widely recognised Human Development Index will be presented, which this year also includes environmental and climate indicators in its calculation of countries' prosperity. Sweden is ranked 6th in the updated index and 7th in the traditional index.

The report will be launched virtually this year, which means everyone will have the opportunity to follow it live at 18.30.

You can register [here](#).

“I am delighted to launch the UN's 30th Human Development Report. The report not only reflects countries' actions to create prosperity for their citizens but also their actions in relation to the strain on our planet. It is right and courageous of the UN and I welcome it,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The Prime Minister will participate in the launch ceremony, as will HRH Crown Princess Victoria via a pre-recorded video message.

Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson will speak at the launch.

“The UN is now taking an important step by including the climate and the environment in the report’s index. It is gratifying that Sweden has achieved such a high ranking, but we all have much more to do. A green transition is needed and Sweden is proud to support developing countries in making this transition,” says Mr Eriksson.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education and Research

Sweden to lead the work of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Published 04 December 2020

Sweden has been entrusted with holding the Presidency of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) – an intergovernmental organisation to promote Holocaust education, research and remembrance – from 1 March 2022 until 28 February 2023. The decision was taken at the IHRA's digital plenary meeting in Leipzig on 3 December 2020.

“I have promised survivors to do what I can as Prime Minister – and as a human being – for Holocaust remembrance and combating antisemitism today. I intend to keep that promise. The Presidency of the IHRA, the Malmö Forum and the coming museum about Sweden and the Holocaust are all important parts of these efforts,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

“Even though history has shown us what the ultimate consequences of antisemitism, antiziganism and racism can be, they still exist in all parts of society. Sweden must set an example and do all it can to prevent something similar from happening again. Remembering is also about learning from history,” says Minister for Culture and Democracy Amanda Lind.

The IHRA, which Sweden helped found in 2000 through the Stockholm Declaration, consists of 34 member countries and a number of organisations.

One central priority of the Swedish Presidency will be to follow up on the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating

Antisemitism on 13–14 October 2021, which Mr Löfven will host.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Media invitation: Prime Minister Löfven to receive Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez at Harpsund on 14–15 July 2020

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On 14–15 July, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez for talks at Harpsund. Prime Minister Löfven and Prime Minister Sánchez will discuss issues of mutual concern and current EU affairs (updated).

Media programme Wednesday 15 July

Approx. 8.30

Photo opportunity

10.10 (confirmed time) Brief press conference with the two prime ministers. Language: English.

Due to the prevailing circumstances, the number of journalists and photographers will be limited. Please note that no press centre facilities will be available and technical equipment will be limited.

The press conference will be webcast live on government.se

Advanced registration with media contact person Frédérique Claise is required by 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 14 July.

More detailed information will be sent to the journalists and photographers who are granted admission.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

New date for the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism

Published 26 June 2020

The Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism will take place in Malmö on 13–14 October 2021. The Forum has been postponed one year due to the unfortunate circumstances of the current pandemic.

In January 2020 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven extended an invitation to heads of state and government, researchers, experts and civil society representatives from around 50 countries to participate in the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism in October 2020. Due to the unfortunate circumstances of the current pandemic the Forum was postponed one year and will take place in Malmö on 13–14 October 2021 instead. Recent developments have made it evident that the work on Holocaust remembrance and combating antisemitism and other forms of racism is as important as ever and must be strengthened. The purpose of the Forum is to jointly take concrete steps forward in the work on Holocaust remembrance and the fight against antisemitism.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.government.se/rememberreact>



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Education and Research

The Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven postpones the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism

Published 06 May 2020

The world is facing a new, and severe, challenge. The spread of the new coronavirus and COVID-19 is challenging our countries. We are all working to fight the pandemic and its effects. Due to this, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has announced that the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism 2020 has been postponed.

In January 2020 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven extended an invitation to heads of state and government, researchers, experts and civil society representatives from around 50 countries to participate in the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism in October 2020. The purpose of the Forum is to jointly take concrete steps forward in the work on Holocaust remembrance and the fight against antisemitism.

Due to the unfortunate circumstances of the current pandemic Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has announced that the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism 2020 has been postponed. The invitation still stands and the Forum in Malmö will take place

in the autumn of 2021. The exact date will be communicated in the near future.

– The commitment of the Swedish Government to strengthening the work on Holocaust remembrance, to combating antisemitism and other forms of racism and to international cooperation in this field remains as strong as ever. In order for us to give full focus to these issues we see a need for postponing the Malmö Forum, says Stefan Löfven.

– In the wake of this global crisis we are seeing signs of increased antisemitism and other forms of racism, the spread of conspiracy theories and misinformation. This is very unfortunate and shows that the work against antisemitism and other forms of racism must continue, says Minister for Education Anna Ekström.

Planning of the Forum will continue, and the Swedish Government is looking forward to welcoming the invitees to Malmö next year. More information on the programme, as well as practical information will be shared with all invitees at a later date.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Postponed: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs Anna Hallberg to visit South Africa

Published 26 February 2020

The Prime Minister's visit to South Africa on 8–10 March has been postponed because he needs to remain in Sweden to effectively and closely lead the Government's work concerning COVID-19. Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit South Africa on 8–10 March. Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs Anna Hallberg and a Swedish business delegation will also take part in the visit.

During the visit, Mr Löfven will meet South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa for bilateral talks. Mr Löfven and Mr Ramaphosa will take part in the tenth Binational Commission (BNC) between South Africa and Sweden. The BNC was established in 1999 as a forum for dialogue on common issues within politics, the economy, education, research, the environment, the climate and water, as well as human rights and culture.

Sweden and South Africa have a close relationship and the country is Sweden's largest trade partner in southern Africa. South Africa is a key regional actor and an important partner in the work to address global challenges, not least in the United Nations and this year when the country is Chair of the African Union. Topics for discussion during the visit include cooperation in trade and investment, global challenges, the labour market, the environment and climate, energy, research and culture.

For more information about the programme, please contact Press Secretary Gösta Brunnander.

Please send the mandatory notification of attendance to Press Assistant Frédérique Claise.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to attend commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau

Published 16 January 2020

On Monday 27 January 2020, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will attend a memorial ceremony at Auschwitz-Birkenau to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration and extermination camp.

The memorial will begin at 15.30 at Auschwitz and conclude with a candle lighting ceremony at 17.30 at Birkenau.

In addition to Mr Löfven, Swedish participation will include Crown Princess Victoria, Speaker of the Riksdag Andreas Norlén and survivors of the Holocaust.

Special media accreditation is required.

More information and an accreditation form is available [here](#)

Please note that the last day for registration is Sunday 19 January 2020. Please contact Frédérique Claise at the Press Department at the Prime Minister's Office, who will be happy to answer any questions about the accreditation process before you submit the accreditation form.

For more information about the programme, please contact Press Secretary Maria Soläng.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to receive Estonian Prime Minister Jüri Ratas

Published 16 January 2020

On Friday 17 January, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Estonian Prime Minister Jüri Ratas. The two heads of government will discuss current issues of concern to our countries. These include bilateral issues between Estonia and Sweden as well as topical issues and EU issues, such as Brexit and the Eastern Partnership. Since Estonia is coordinating Nordic-Baltic cooperation this year, these matters will also be taken up.

Media programme

15.30 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Jüri Ratas at the entrance of Adelcrantz House.

Talks begin in the meeting room. Photo opportunity.

Photographers enter via the Kopparporten entrance, Rödbodgatan 6, 14.45–15.15.

Please present your press credentials.

Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven in telephone call with Iraq's acting Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi

Published 13 January 2020

On Monday evening, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven spoke with Iraq's acting Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi about the latest developments in the region. Prime Minister Löfven conveyed Sweden's full support for Iraq's sovereignty and stability.

Prime Minister Löfven underscored the importance of the Global Coalition against Daesh and the common fight against terrorism. He particularly emphasised the importance of the Global Coalition's efforts to prevent Daesh regaining strength and to ensure international peace and security.

Prime Minister Löfven expressed his deep concern over the missile attacks against military bases in Iraq, where Swedish military personnel are also based, and underscored that all attacks against international troops must be condemned.

Lastly, Prime Minister Löfven emphasised the need for regional dialogue to support de-escalation and political solutions.

For more information



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to participate in memorial ceremony in Jerusalem to honour the victims of the Holocaust

Published 13 January 2020

On 22–23 January, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit Jerusalem to participate in the World Holocaust Forum to honour the victims of the Holocaust and commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The memorial ceremony will take place on 23 January at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust remembrance centre.

During his visit to Jerusalem, the Prime Minister will also meet representatives from Jewish civil society. Discussions will centre on remembrance of the Holocaust and the work against antisemitism – issues that will be the focus of the forum to be hosted by the Prime Minister in Malmö in October 2020.

Please note that the World Holocaust Forum will not be open to the media, but the event may be followed from the press centre. Yad Vashem will hold a tour for journalists ahead of the event. Special media accreditation is required. Registration must be completed by 15 January.

More on the Yad Vashem website

For more information about the programme, please contact Press Secretary Maria Soläng.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Trade to visit South Korea

Published 12 December 2019 Updated 13 December 2019

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit the Republic of Korea (South Korea) on 18–20 December. Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs Anna Hallberg and a large Swedish business delegation will also take part in the visit.

During the visit, Mr Löfven will meet President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in and Prime Minister Lee Nak-yon. During their talks, they will discuss issues including trade and investment, social dialogue and gender equality, and nuclear disarmament. They will also discuss how efforts to promote a peaceful solution to the situation on the Korean Peninsula can be moved forward.

Sweden has a long-standing engagement on the Korean Peninsula, and discussions will also focus on how ties between Sweden and the Republic of Korea can be further strengthened. The Republic of Korea is Asia's fourth largest economy and Sweden's third largest trading partner in Asia. Increased trade and investments in both directions will strengthen jobs and growth in Sweden.

On 18 December, Mr Löfven will take part in the Sweden-Korea Business Summit. He will also speak at the National Assembly and meet National Assembly Speaker Moon Hee-sang. In addition, Mr Löfven will highlight Sweden's humanitarian support during the Korean War.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

The Prime Minister receives Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali

Published 09 December 2019 Updated 09 December 2019

On Monday 9 December, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali. They will discuss Ethiopia's reform efforts and enhanced cooperation between Sweden and Ethiopia on bilateral and multilateral issues.

Tid: 9 december 2019 at 12.00

Plats: Adelcrantzska House

Prime Minister Abiy has been awarded the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for “his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea.” Following the visit to Stockholm, Prime Minister Abiy will continue to Oslo for the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony.

Media programme

12.00 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali at the entrance of Adelcrantzska House.

Talks begin in the meeting room.

Photo opportunity.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between **11.15 and 11.45**.

Please present your press credentials.

Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive North Macedonian Prime Minister Zoran Zaev

Published 14 November 2019 Updated 14 November 2019

On Friday 15 November, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive North Macedonian Prime Minister Zoran Zaev. Mr Löfven and Mr Zaev will discuss matters including North Macedonia's reform efforts and negotiations with the EU.

Media programme

10.00 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Zoran Zaev at the entrance of Adelcrantz House.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 09.15 and 09.45.

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Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa

Published 14 November 2019

On Thursday 14 November, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Portugal's Prime Minister Antonio Costa. Mr Löfven and Mr Costa will primarily discuss current EU issues, including the EU's long-term budget, social issues and the preparations for the Portuguese Presidency of the EU.

Media programme

19.30 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister António Costa at the entrance of Sager House.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 18.30 and 19.00.

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Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Finnish Prime Minister Antti Rinne

Published 14 November 2019 Updated 14 November 2019

On Friday 15 November, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Finnish Prime Minister Antti Rinne. The two prime ministers will discuss current EU issues, including the negotiations on the EU's long-term budget. New version – please note the change of time.

Media programme

18.45 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Antti Rinne at the entrance of Sager House.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 17.45 and 18.15.

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Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive President-elect of the European Council Charles Michel

Published 06 November 2019 Updated 06 November 2019

On Thursday 7 November, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President-elect of the European Council Charles Michel. Mr Löfven and Mr Michel will discuss current issues on the European Council's agenda, such as Brexit, the multiannual budget and migration.

Media programme

14.45 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President-elect of the European Council Charles Michel at the entrance of Adelcrantzska House.

Talks begin in the meeting room.
Photo pool.

Photographers enter via the Kopparporten entrance, Rödbodgatan 6, 14.00-14.30.

15.50 Press conference with Prime Minister Löfven and President-elect of the European Council Charles Michel.
Language: English.

Enter via the Kopparporten entrance, Rödbodgatan 6, 15.00–15.30.

Please present your press credentials.

Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Ireland's Taoiseach Leo Varadkar

Published 02 October 2019 Updated 02 October 2019

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Ireland's Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar on Thursday 3 October. Mr Löfven and Mr Varadkar will discuss issues surrounding Brexit, as well as current bilateral and EU issues.

Media programme

13.00: Photo opportunity as Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Taoiseach Leo Varadkar at the entrance of Adelcrantz House.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 12.15 and 12.45.

14.30: Press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 13.45 and 14.15.

Please present your press credentials.

Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Press release from Ministry of the Environment

Sweden launches global leadership group to reduce industry emissions

Published 24 September 2019

Sweden and India have launched a global leadership group to push the climate transition in heavy industry. The initiative was presented by Prime Minister Stefan Löfven during the UN Climate Action Summit in New York.

- Substantially reducing emissions from heavy industry is crucial if we are to be able to attain the goals of the Paris Agreement. In Sweden, we have come a long way in our industry transition, and co-leading this work gives us the opportunity to share our experiences and help accelerate the transition, says Mr Löfven.

The leadership group has been developed in cooperation with the World Economic Forum and will gather both private and public actors. The countries and companies that join the group must be ready to substantially raise and pursue efforts to reach net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century. This will be guaranteed through a series of ambitious commitments that the members of the leadership group must support. The leadership group will also work to promote innovation and technology exchange, and share experiences of how governments, academic institutions and businesses can cooperate to push the transition. The group will have regular meetings to report on progress and share experiences, including in connection with the UN's climate negotiations.

- Only by working together can we solve the climate challenge. This is how we are working on industry transition in Sweden, and this is an opportunity

to share this cooperation throughout the world. Industry transition is crucial to stopping climate change, says Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister Isabella Lövin.

In addition to Sweden and India, Argentina, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, South Korea and the United Kingdom have joined the group. Several international companies have also joined, including Indian Dalmia Cement and the German steel group ThyssenKrupp. Among the Swedish companies in the leadership group are Scania, which is conducting a project to develop fossil-free heavy goods vehicle transports and SSAB, LKAB and Vattenfall, which, through their jointly owned company HYBRIT, are conducting a project to make steel without using coking coal.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Government to take part in opening of UN General Assembly 17–30 September

Published 20 September 2019

Next week, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister, Isabella Lövin, Minister for Foreign Affairs Ann Linde and Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson will travel to New York for the opening of the UN General Assembly.

Sweden's priorities during the week are to stand up for international cooperation with focus on the UN, work to tackle the challenge of climate change, intensify implementation of the 2030 Agenda and contribute to finding solutions to conflicts and humanitarian crises, such as those in Yemen, Venezuela and Syria. The week is also an opportunity to highlight democracy and gender equality issues, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, and to continue work on disarmament and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Prime Minister Löfven will attend the opening of the General Assembly, take part in the Climate Action Summit where Sweden is co-chair of the industry track, and take part in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit. He will also attend an event celebrating the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In addition, Mr Löfven will take part in a roundtable discussion with US business executives and a conference entitled 'The Future of Work'.

Ms Lövin will take part in the Climate Action Summit, the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDG) Summit and the high-level meeting on universal health coverage. Ms Lövin will be in New York on 20–25 September.

Ms Linde will take part in the opening of the General Assembly, a high-level event on climate and security and a high-level meeting on the elimination of nuclear weapons (Article IV, Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty). Ms Linde will also co-host a meeting on the situation in Yemen. In addition, she will host a meeting on women, peace and leadership and, together with South Korea, co-organise the annual dinner for female foreign ministers. Ms Linde will deliver Sweden's address in the General Assembly. Ms Linde will be in New York on 22–28 September.

Mr Eriksson will take part in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit, the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development and the High-level Review of the SAMOA Pathway, as well as meetings on Afghanistan, Somalia and Syria. In addition, his programme will focus on humanitarian issues, climate financing, women's rights, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Mr Eriksson will be in New York on 23–27 September.

All the ministers will also take part in a number of bilateral meetings with counterparts from other countries and UN representatives.

For more information and detailed programmes, please contact the relevant minister's press secretary.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Polish Prime Minister

Published 26 August 2019 Updated 28 August 2019

(New version) On Thursday 29 August, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki. The two heads of government will discuss bilateral cooperation between Sweden and Poland, current EU issues, the future of the EU and the security situation in the Baltic Sea region.

They will also discuss the EU's Eastern Partnership, democracy issues and global challenges including environment and climate change.

Media programme

14.30 Photo opportunity as Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki at the entrance of Adelcrantz House.

Talks begin in the meeting room.

Photo pool.

Photographers enter via the Kopparporten entrance, Rödbodgatan 6, 13.30–14.00.

15.50 Press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki.

Languages: English, Polish

Enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, 15.00–15.30.

Please present your press credentials.

Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Employment

Sweden nominates Ylva Johansson as new European Commissioner

Published 09 August 2019

The Government has decided to nominate Ylva Johansson, Minister for Employment and one of Sweden's most experienced ministers, as the new Swedish European Commissioner.

“Ylva Johansson is highly competent and has extensive experience of government, EU work in the Council of the European Union and dealings with the European Commission. She has a strong sense of commitment and will contribute to an effective Commission,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven in a comment.

Mr Löfven will discuss the policy issues Ms Johansson will be responsible for in the European Commission with President-elect Ursula von der Leyen, who will take the decision in the near future.

The new Commission will take office on 1 November. Mr Löfven will announce when Ms Johansson will leave her post as Minister for Employment in the Swedish Government at a later date.

“I am very pleased and honoured by the confidence the Government has shown in me through this nomination as European Commissioner for Sweden. The new European Commission has a major task in moving the EU's work forward on climate issues and for more jobs, fundamental European values and security. The role of European Commissioner involves considering the interests of the entire EU, at the same time as I will contribute my experience from Swedish politics,” says Ms Johansson.

Ylva Johansson has a background as a mathematics and physics teacher, and has been Minister for Employment since 2014. In all, Ms Johansson has held ministerial posts for 11 years under three different prime ministers since 1994. She was born in 1964, is married and has three children.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Latvian Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins

Published 25 June 2019

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is scheduled to receive Latvian Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš on Thursday 27 June.

The two heads of government will discuss current EU issues such as high-level appointments to EU institutions, the next long-term EU budget and the future of the European Union.

Press programme

15.00 Photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš at the entrance of Adelcrantzka House.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 14.15 and 14.45.

16.00 Press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Prime Minister Krišjānis Kariņš.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, between 15.15 and 15.45.

Please present your press credentials. Registration is required. Please contact Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive the President of the Republic of Korea

Published 07 June 2019

As part of the State Visit of the Republic of Korea on 14–15 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President Moon Jae-in for talks in Saltsjöbaden.

Tid: 15 juni 2019 at 08:55 to 11:00

Plats: Grand Hôtel, Saltsjöbaden

The Republic of Korea is Asia's fourth largest economy and one of the world's most innovative countries. It is also Sweden's third largest export market in the region. Sweden and the Republic of Korea enjoy excellent relations and there is great potential for deeper cooperation, including in innovation, research, digital transformation and the creative industries. There is also potential for expanded cooperation on social welfare and labour market issues. President Moon's social reform agenda is guided by a vision that resembles the Swedish welfare model, and Sweden's experiences in the areas of social insurance, family policy and gender equality will be discussed.

Foreign and security policy issues and cooperation in multilateral forums will also be discussed. In conjunction with the visit, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President Moon will also take part in the Sweden-Korea Business Summit.

Invitation to photo opportunities and press

conference

Date and time: Saturday 15 June, 8.55–11.00

Venue: Grand Hôtel Saltsjöbaden

Please note: All journalists and photographers are required to pass through a security check at Kopparporten, Rosenbad, before group transfer to Saltsjöbaden. No individual transfers are permitted.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rödbodgatan 6, 6.50–07.20,
for group transfer by bus to Saltsjöbaden.

Programme

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President Moon Jae-in at Grand Hôtel Saltsjöbaden.

Photo opportunity on arrival

Tête-à-tête (outdoors, weather permitting).

Photo pool

Talks begin.

Photo pool – meeting room

Press conference

Participation requires accreditation from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs International Press Centre. Applications close on Wednesday 12 June at 12.00.

Accreditation application



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Malmö to host conference on combating antisemitism and remembrance of the Holocaust

Published 24 May 2019

(New version) Prime Minister Stefan Löfven announced today that the Government will hold the conference in Malmö on 26–27 October 2020. The aim of the conference is to counter and combat antisemitism, and pass on the memory of the Holocaust.

The basis of the conference is the Holocaust and its remembrance. It will be a meeting place for experts and decision-makers from all over the world. The Stockholm Declaration, which was adopted at the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust in 2000 – a conference on education, remembrance and research – is an important source of inspiration for the conference.

“With this conference, we continue our important work to combat antisemitism. Wherever antisemitism exists, and whatever form it takes, it must be exposed and combated. I am pleased that the City of Malmö wants to take on this task together with the Government,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Malmö and Skåne have a special historical link to the Holocaust. Jews who fled across the Öresund strait during the Second World War came to Malmö. This was where Folke Bernadotte’s White Buses of survivors from the concentration camps were received. Many of them stayed in Malmö for the rest of their lives.

In the Statement of Government Policy on 21 January, Mr Löfven stated that Swedish young people would be given the opportunity to visit Holocaust

memorial sites in Europe. Work is under way on a new museum to preserve and pass on the memory of the Holocaust.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Vietnam's Prime Minister

Published 22 May 2019

On Monday 27 May, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc in Stockholm.

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Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc is visiting Sweden to mark 50 years of diplomatic relations between Sweden and Vietnam. The delegation led by Prime Minister Phuc includes political representatives and representatives of the Vietnamese business sector.

Discussions will focus on bilateral cooperation between Sweden and Vietnam. There is great potential to further develop these relations. Vietnam's rapid economic development, major investment needs and strategic location in South-East Asia mean that trade and investment have become key elements of the relations. There are good prospects of further deepening the commercial exchange between the countries when the free trade agreement between the EU and Vietnam enters into force. Cooperation in multilateral forums will be discussed, including free trade, the rules-based international order and the 2030 Agenda. Issues concerning working conditions, gender equality and human rights will also be discussed.

During his visit to Sweden, Prime Minister Phuc will attend the Sweden-Vietnam Business Forum, together with Prime Minister Löfven, and also visit companies in Södertälje, Märsta and Kista. Prime Minister Phuc will have an audience with HM The King and meet the Speaker of the Riksdag in connection with a lunch at the Riksdag.

Invitation to photo opportunities

Date and time: Monday 27 May at 11.00

Place: Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Gustav Adolfs torg 1

Photographers may enter via the Kopparporten entrance at Rödbodgatan 6 between 10.10 and 10.30

Prime Minister Löfven receives Prime Minister Phuc outside the entrance to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Photo opportunity on arrival.

Greetings in the entrance to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Photo pool

Tête-à-tête

Photo pool

Discussions begin.

Photo pool – meeting room.

Lunch will follow the discussions.

Advance registration and/or application for a place in the photo pool is required. Please contact Nina Kefi by 14.00 Thursday 23 May.

Other programme points

Monday 27 May

Sweden-Vietnam Business Forum

Prime Minister Phuc and Prime Minister Löfven attend the Sweden-Vietnam Business Forum, where Prime Minister Löfven will give the opening address followed by a speech by Prime Minister Phuc.

Visit to Astra Zeneca

Prime Minister Phuc visits Astra Zeneca in Södertälje in the afternoon.

Audience at the Royal Palace

Prime Minister Phuc has an audience with HM The King.

Tuesday 28 May

Visit to Ericsson

Prime Minister Phuc visits Ericsson in Kista in the morning.

Lunch with the Speaker of the Riksdag

Speaker of the Riksdag Andreas Norlén hosts a lunch.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to attend International Arctic Forum in St Petersburg

Published 27 March 2019

On 9 April, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will take part in the International Arctic Forum in St Petersburg. The theme of this year's Forum is sustainable growth in the Arctic region.

The Government is pursuing an active policy in this region, particularly on issues linked to climate change, and the Forum provides an important opportunity for political dialogue with Russia and other participating countries on environmental issues and other Arctic issues. Several Nordic countries will have high-level representatives at the Forum, including Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will have a bilateral meeting with President Vladimir Putin in connection with the Forum.

Accreditation is required.

If you require more information or have questions about accreditation, please contact Press Secretary Gösta Brunnander.



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Press release

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Published 22 January 2019

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New state secretaries at the Government Offices

Published 22 January 2019

The Government today appointed 31 state secretaries at the Government Offices. Former state secretaries have been dismissed from their positions. Most of the state secretaries have previously held corresponding positions at the Government Offices.

Prime Minister's Office

The Government has appointed Nils Vikmång as the Prime Minister's State Secretary. The Government has also appointed Madeleine Harby Samuelsson and Karin Wallensteen as state secretaries to Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The Government has appointed Paula Carvalho Olovsson as State Secretary to Minister for EU Affairs Hans Dahlgren.

The Government has appointed Mats Andersson and Maria Ferm as state secretaries in the coordinating committee at the Prime Minister's Office.

Ministry of Employment

The Government has appointed Annika Dahl as State Secretary to Minister for Employment Ylva Johansson.

The Government has appointed Karin Strandås as State Secretary to Minister

for Gender Equality, with responsibility for anti-discrimination and anti-segregation, Åsa Lindhagen.

Ministry of Finance

The Government has appointed Max Elger and Leif Jacobsson as state secretaries to Minister for Finance Magdalena Andersson.

The Government has appointed Ulf Holm and Elin Olsson as state secretaries to Minister for Financial Markets and Housing, Deputy Minister for Finance, Per Bolund.

The Government has appointed Alejandro Firpo as State Secretary to Minister for Public Administration Ardan Shekarabi.

Ministry of Defence

The Government has appointed Jan-Olof Lind as State Secretary to Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist.

Ministry of Infrastructure

The Government has appointed Mattias Landgren as State Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth.

The Government has appointed Sebastian De Toro as State Secretary to Minister for Energy and Digital Development Anders Ygeman.

Ministry of Justice

The Government has appointed Catharina Espmark and Lars Westbratt as state secretaries to Minister for Justice and Migration Morgan Johansson.

The Government has appointed Elisabeth Backteman as State Secretary to Minister for Home Affairs Mikael Damberg.

Ministry of Culture

The Government has appointed Helene Öberg as State Secretary to Minister for Culture and Democracy, with responsibility for sport, Amanda Lind.

Ministry of the Environment

The Government has appointed Eva Svedling and Gunvor Ericson as state secretaries to Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister, Isabella Lövin.

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Government has appointed Stina Billinger and Emil Högberg as state secretaries to Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Ibrahim Baylan.

The Government has appointed Per Callenberg as State Secretary to Minister for Rural Affairs Jennie Nilsson.

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Government has appointed Maja Fjaestad as State Secretary to Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

Ministry of Education and Research

The Government has appointed Erik Nilsson as State Secretary to Minister for Education Anna Ekström.

The Government has appointed Malin Cederfeldt Östberg as State Secretary to Minister for Higher Education and Research Matilda Ernkrans.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Government has appointed Annika Söder as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs to Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström.

The Government has appointed Per Olsson Fridh as State Secretary to Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson.

The Government has appointed Niklas Johansson as State Secretary to Minister for Foreign Trade, with responsibility for Nordic affairs, Ann Linde.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to travel to Paris

Published 07 November 2018

On 11 November 2018, it is 100 hundred years since the ceasefire was concluded that led to the end of the First World War. This Armistice Centenary will be commemorated in Paris on 10–11 November, attended by some 80 heads of state and government and heads of international organisations.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has been invited by President Emmanuel Macron to attend the French Memorial Ceremony and to speak at the Paris Peace Forum.

In connection with his visit, Mr Löfven will also meet Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), to hand over the role as host of the Global Deal for Decent Work and Inclusive Growth, an initiative launched by Mr Löfven. The Global Deal aims to strengthen dialogue between the social partners and countries' governments to improve employment conditions and productivity. A press briefing will be held during his visit.

General programme

Friday 9 November

18.00

Press briefing at the OECD, together with Secretary-General Angel Gurría.

Saturday 10 November

Reception ahead of the Armistice Centenary celebrations, at the invitation of President Emmanuel Macron, Musée d'Orsay.

Sunday 11 November

8.00

Press briefing (address announced on registration).

11.00

Memorial Ceremony to commemorate the Armistice Centenary, Arc de Triomphe.

13.00

Lunch at the Elysée Palace, at the invitation of President Emmanuel Macron.

15.30

Inauguration of the Paris Peace Forum, Grande Halle de la Villette.

16.45

Address given at the Paris Peace Forum, Grande Halle de la Villette.

Swedish media representatives who would like to take part in Mr Löfven's press briefings should notify Press Secretary Ingela Nilsson. Please note that special accreditation is required for the Memorial Ceremony and the Paris Peace Forum.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez

Published 05 September 2018 Updated 05 September 2018

Note! New version with updated timetable. On Wednesday 5 September, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will visit Enköping, Sweden, for talks with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. Among the topics for discussion are current EU issues and cooperation between Sweden and Spain.

Tid: 5 september 2018 at 16.35

Plats: Fagerudd Conference Hotel, Bredsandsvägen 63, Enköping

Press programme for the visit:

16.35: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will arrive to Fagerudd Conference Hotel in Enköping - photo opportunity.

15.45–16.15: Admittance and security check.

Address: Fagerudd Conference Hotel, Bredsandsvägen 63, Enköping

16.36-17.20: Talks – photo opportunity.

Approximately 17.20: Mr Löfven and Mr Sánchez will give a press statement.

17.35: Joint departure.

Please bring your press credentials. Registration for accreditation required

via email to sb.press@regeringskansliet.se by 4 September.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to visit UN and NATO

Published 28 June 2018

On 6–12 July, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to New York to meet the UN Secretary-General and chair a meeting in the Security Council, and to Brussels to take part in a NATO summit.

Sweden will hold the presidency of the Security Council in July. In connection with this, Mr Löfven will travel to New York on 6–10 July to meet leading representatives of the UN, including Secretary-General António Guterres, and chair a meeting in the Security Council.

The agenda includes follow-up of the visit of the Secretary-General and members of the Security Council to Sweden in April, continued discussions on UN efforts to deal with crises and conflicts, UN reform and Sweden's contributions to greater peace and security.

Mr Löfven will then travel to Brussels to take part in the NATO Summit on 11–12 July. Sweden and Finland have been invited to the Summit in their capacity as NATO enhanced opportunity partners. The agenda includes Sweden's defence and security policy cooperation with the organisation and the security policy situation in the Baltic Sea region.

More information on Mr Löfven's programme will be sent to registered journalists. Please register your attendance with Jonatan Holst.

Accreditation:

UN accreditation is required. Information is available at:

<https://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml>.

Please address any questions to Martin Gallagher at the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in New York: martin.gallagher@gov.se.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to attend European Council meeting in Brussels

Published 25 June 2018

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will attend the European Council meeting in Brussels on 28–29 June. The agenda will include migration, trade and security issues.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

New Nordic cooperation on 5G

Published 23 May 2018

The Nordic countries have entered into new deepened cooperation on 5G. A declaration of intent was presented today laying out the Nordic countries' vision. "The Nordic region is one of the most innovative regions in the world. The development of 5G is progressing quickly and the Nordic region will be at the fore of this development. It creates jobs and prosperity in our countries," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The declaration of intent states that the Nordic region will be the first interconnected 5G region in the world and identifies areas in which Nordic cooperation needs to be intensified.

[Letter of Intent – Development of 5G in the Nordic region \(pdf\)](#)

The declaration of intent was presented during the Nordic prime ministers meeting in Örnsköldsvik, which was hosted by Mr Löfven. His colleagues Erna Solberg from Norway, Lars Løkke Rasmussen from Denmark, Juha Sipilä from Finland and Katrín Jakobsdóttir from Iceland attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the prime ministers also viewed an exhibition in which companies from all Nordic countries showcased products exemplifying the advantages of 5G. These include drones that deliver defibrillators and driverless transport. The exhibition was also shown to upper secondary school pupils interested in technology.

The meeting was held on 22–23 May and the first day took place on the beautiful island of Ulvön in the High Coast archipelago. The agenda included current foreign and security policy issues and Nordic cooperation. But the

prime ministers also had the opportunity to taste fermented herring. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday with a working lunch bringing together representatives of the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Nordic Council and the Faroe Islands.

This year, Sweden is presiding over the Nordic Council of Ministers and also N5 cooperation – Nordic cooperation on foreign and security policy issues. This was why the informal prime ministers meeting was held in Sweden this year.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Reminder: Stefan Löfven invites Nordic colleagues to prime ministers meeting in Örnsköldsvik

Published 09 May 2018 Updated 16 May 2018

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has invited his prime minister colleagues Erna Solberg from Norway, Lars Løkke Rasmussen from Denmark, Juha Sipilä from Finland and Katrín Jakobsdóttir from Iceland to attend the annual informal prime ministers meeting. Sweden is chair of Nordic cooperation this year and Mr Löfven will host the meeting on 22–23 May in Örnsköldsvik.

The meeting will focus on Nordic cooperation, current foreign and security policy issues, EU issues, and digitalisation and 5G.

The informal prime ministers meeting will end with a working lunch together with the autonomous territories – Åland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands – and the Nordic institutions – the Nordic Council and the Nordic Council of Ministers.

”I look forward to welcoming my Nordic colleagues to the municipality that is so close to my heart,” says Mr Löfven.

Media representatives need special accreditation to cover the meeting. The deadline to apply for accreditation is 09.00 on Friday 18 May. The accreditation is closed.

Media programme

Tuesday 22 May

06.00–23.00

Media workroom at First Hotel in Örnsköldsvik is open.

10.20

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Ms Ulla Löfven welcome participants at the jetty in Docksta. Photo opportunity. The organisers will provide transport by bus from Örnsköldsvik to Docksta, via the airport in Örnsköldsvik.

10.30

Boat trip to the island of Ulvön in the Örnsköldsvik archipelago. (estimated travel time approx. 1 hour 15 min) Photo opportunity when Mr Löfven welcomes guests to the boat.

11.45

Arrival at Ulvön. Photo opportunity.

12.15

Lunch for media at Ulvö Hotell.

13.20

Prime ministers meeting in the large conference room at Ulvö Hotell. Photo opportunity.

14.35

Joint walk to Ulvö Lilla Salteri.
Photo opportunity.

15.10

Prime ministers sum up the day.
Media opportunity with time for individual interviews.

15.30

Departure from Ulvön by boat to Örnsköldsvik.
(estimated travel time approx. 2 hours 10 min)
No media opportunity.

17.45

Arrival in Örnsköldsvik. Örnsköldsvik Municipal Commissionern Glenn Nordlund receives the party at the harbour.
Photo opportunity.

Wednesday 23 May

07.00–15.00

Media workroom at First Hotel in Örnsköldsvik is open.

09.00

Prime ministers meeting on the future of 5G in the Nordic region.
Venue: Large conference room at Elite Plaza Hotel Örnsköldsvik.
Photo opportunity.

09.00–10.00

Media viewing of 5G exhibition.
Venue: Outside Elite Plaza Hotel Örnsköldsvik.

10.05

Prime ministers are shown the 5G exhibition. Venue: Outside Elite Plaza Hotel Örnsköldsvik.
Photo opportunity.

11.05

Press conference with the Nordic prime ministers.
Venue: In the tent outside Elite Plaza Hotel.

14.45

Transport by bus for media from First Hotel to airport in Örnsköldsvik.

Media hotel

The organisers have reserved rooms for the media at First Hotel in Örnsköldsvik. Quote the code 'Regeringskansliet' (Swedish Government Offices).

The email address is: ornskoldsvik@firsthotels.se



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Sweden and India agree to deepen their innovation cooperation

Published 17 April 2018

Sweden and India today signed a joint innovation partnership to deepen the collaboration between the two countries and contribute to sustainable growth and new job opportunities. The partnership was signed in connection with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Stockholm.

"The innovation partnership with India will strengthen our exchange with one of the world's most important emerging economies. It will boost our prospects of developing joint solutions to face global societal challenges, while at the same time strengthening Sweden's competitiveness and innovation capacity," says Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg.

The partnership in brief:

- The partnership covers several areas, including smart cities, transportation and eMobility, energy, clean technologies, new materials, space, circular and bio-based economy, and health and life sciences.
- Sweden and India will cooperate to develop and implement joint innovation projects. Indian and Swedish enterprises and other key innovation players will work together to find solutions to common challenges and make use of each other's strengths.
- Sweden and India will cooperate on support to innovative start-ups, for

example through exchanges between incubators. The two countries will also step up their collaboration regarding research infrastructure and test beds.

- The partnership is intended to deepen the bilateral dialogue on innovation issues through increased cross-sectoral, cross-ministerial and cross-agency cooperation, to discuss innovation from a system perspective.

"The partnership will make it easier for Swedish companies to increase their knowledge of India's needs and strengthen the prospects for both new collaborations and new business opportunities," says Mr Damberg.

"Supporting Swedish knowledge-intensive companies to spread sustainable technology and develop green solutions in collaboration with countries such as India could be one of the most effective ways to make the world a better place," says Peter Eriksson, Minister for Housing and Digital Development.

As part of this partnership, on Thursday 19 April the Government will task Vinnova (the government agency for innovation) with strengthening innovation cooperation between Sweden and India in the field of smart cities. The Government intends to allocate up to SEK 50 million to Vinnova for this assignment up to the year 2021.

The Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation is responsible for the development of the partnership, in close cooperation with the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive India's Prime Minister

Published 05 April 2018

On 16–17 April 2018, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Sweden at the invitation of Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. They will meet to discuss issues such as innovation, sustainable development and how Swedish–Indian relations can be further strengthened.

Global economic growth is primarily taking place in Asia, not least in India, which is currently the world's fastest growing major economy. The Government is working to strengthen Sweden's role as a key partner for India in the country's rapid development, especially in innovation.

Swedish businesses have long had a considerable presence in India. We are also seeing how Indian businesses are making major investments in Sweden. Increasing trade and investments in both directions will strengthen jobs and growth in Sweden. Bilateral cooperation is taking place in a number of areas, including the environment, renewable energy, research and health.

Programme points

Monday 16 April

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in Sweden.

Tuesday 17 April

The King receives Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an audience at the Royal Palace.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Modi for bilateral talks at Sager House. These will be followed by a working lunch at

Rosenbad.

In the afternoon, Mr Modi and Mr Löfven will take part in roundtable discussions with the business sector.

In the evening, a Nordic–Indian summit will be held. Prime ministers from the Nordic countries – Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Denmark, Juha Sipilä, Finland, Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Iceland and Erna Solberg, Norway – will take part.

The visit will conclude by Mr Modi giving a speech to the Indian diaspora in Sweden.

To editorial offices

Accreditation from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is required to cover the visit. The deadline to apply for accreditation is Thursday 12 April 2018. More detailed information about times and venues will be sent to relevant media representatives.

The accreditation is closed.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Prime Minister Theresa May

Published 04 April 2018

On Monday 9 April, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive UK Prime Minister Theresa May for talks at Rosenbad. The two heads of government will discuss issues concerning cooperation between the UK and Sweden, Brexit and the aftermath of the nerve agent attack in Salisbury.

Media programme

17.30 Prime Minister Löfven welcomes Prime Minister May in the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity

17.35 Talks in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo pool

Approx. 18.55 Press conference at Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

Language: English.

The press conference will be webcast on www.regeringen.se.

Admittance and security check via the Kopparporten entrance in Rosenbad from 16.45–17.15 for photographers taking part in the photo opportunity at the arrival and during the talks. Please bring your press credentials.

Admittance and security check via the Kopparporten entrance in Rosenbad from 17.45–18.15 for journalists and photographers covering the press

conference. Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to Nina Kefi by 6 April.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Sweden has decided to expel a Russian diplomat following the Salisbury attack

Published 27 March 2018

Following the nerve agent attack in Salisbury in the UK on 4 March, the EU has strongly condemned the attack and named Russia as the likely perpetrator. To support the UK and as part of the response from EU Member States, Sweden has decided to expel a Russian diplomat.

“The attempted murders in Salisbury are more than just a bilateral matter between the UK and Russia. They represent a further challenge by Russia to the international rules-based order, which is why we must respond,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

“We expect Russia to answer the questions the UK has asked, and to collaborate fully with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.”

A number of EU Member States have decided to take similar action. The European Council decided on Friday to recall the EU ambassador to Moscow for consultations.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Löfven to meet with German Chancellor Merkel

Published 14 March 2018

On Friday 16 March, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin. The two leaders will discuss issues including migration, trade and the EU's long-term budget.

At approximately 13.00, Prime Minister Löfven and Chancellor Merkel will hold a joint press conference at the Federal Chancellery.

Advance registration is required. Please email the Prime Minister's Press Secretary Jonatan Holst.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to visit Luxembourg

Published 06 March 2018

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Luxembourg on 9–10 March for talks with Prime Minister Xavier Bettel. The agenda includes cooperation between Sweden and Luxembourg, EU issues and the Global Deal. The two heads of government will also visit the Museum of Robert Schuman.

During his visit, Mr Löfven will also pay courtesy calls on Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg and President of the Chamber of Deputies Mars Di Bartolomeo.

The invitation to the official visit was sent to Mr Löfven and his wife Ulla Löfven, who will also participate in the visit to Luxembourg.

Media programme

Media representatives wishing to cover the visit on site in Luxembourg must register their participation with Press Secretary Dan Lundqvist Dahlin via email.

Friday 9 March

16.10 Courtesy call on Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg. Photo opportunity on arrival to the Grand Ducal Palace, 32 Rue de l'Eau.

16.50 Courtesy call on President of the Chamber of Deputies Mars Di Bartolomeo. Photo opportunity on arrival to the Chamber of Deputies, 19 Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes.

Saturday 10 March

10.00 Talks with Prime Minister Xavier Bettel. Photo opportunity and press conference at the Ministry of State, 4 Rue de la Congrégation.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit the United States

Published 20 February 2018

On 6 March, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and US President Donald Trump will meet for talks in Washington DC. The aim of the meeting is to further deepen relations between Sweden and the United States, with a focus on growth, innovation and job creation. Another important area of discussion will be Sweden–US cooperation in external relations, defence and security.

"Our relations with the United States are important, both for our economy and our security. Through our broad cooperation we create growth and security for our citizens," says Mr Löfven.

The full programme of Mr Löfven's visit to the United States will be published later.

For press accreditations, please email Monica Enqvist, Press Counsellor at the Swedish Embassy in Washington DC.

Programme

Tuesday 6 March

09.00 Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg meets US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. Mr Damberg will be accompanied by a Swedish business delegation.

11.30–12.30 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and the Swedish delegation take part in a lunch meeting in Congress with the Congressional Friends of Sweden Caucus.

14.00 Talks with President Donald Trump in the White House.

15.15 Joint press conference with Prime Minister Löfven and President Trump in the White House (can be seen on the White House YouTube channel).

18.30 Dinner at House of Sweden to celebrate 200 years of diplomatic relations between Sweden and the United States.

Wednesday 7 March

09.15 Visit to MedImmune/AstraZeneca in Gaithersburg, Maryland. 12.15 Visit to Volvo Group Trucks in Hagerstown, Maryland.

14.45 Press conference.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Government to attend climate summit in Paris

Published 08 December 2017

On Tuesday 12 December, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister Isabella Lövin will attend the international climate summit 'One Planet Summit' in Paris.

The One Planet Summit is being organised in light of the fact that it is now two years since the historic climate agreement was adopted in Paris in 2015. The aim of the Summit is to raise the level of ambition regarding climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Prior to the Summit, Mr Löfven will attend a lunch with invited heads of state and government at the Elysée Palace.

Earlier in the day, Ms Lövin will meet France's Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Nicolas Hulot and take part in a high-level panel on the theme 'Strengthening Policies for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition'.

Minister for Financial Markets and Consumer Affairs Per Bolund will attend the high-level Climate Finance Day conference on 11 December.

Mr Löfven and Ms Lövin will hold a press conference at the residence of the Swedish Ambassador in Paris on 12 December at 09.30.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Launch of senior advisors for the Global Deal

Published 23 November 2017

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven launches an international group of senior advisors to the Global Deal for decent work and inclusive growth. The group will give strategic advice for the future work of the Global Deal initiative.

- I am very happy that this diverse and highly qualified group of people want to contribute to the Global Deal. Their knowledge and experiences will play an important role as we continue to take the Global Deal forward, says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

In total seven senior advisors will make up the group of whom all have long experience of leading roles in the private sector, trade unions, governments, academia and civil society. Two members of the group are Oliver Blanchard, former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Natalia Brzezinski who is the CEO of Symposium Stockholm and the Brilliant Minds Foundation.

- In the current poisonous environment, with the rise of distrust and populism, how to maintain and strengthen social dialogue is a priority. The senior advisors come from different horizons, each with our own expertise, and I look forward to putting our wisdom in common, says Oliver Blanchard, former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

- I'm constantly looking for platforms that can curate honest, productive cross-sector dialogue on empowering workers so they can form a better future collectively. The Global Deal is that platform, and I'm so proud to be a part of it. Our diverse backgrounds will help lead us to solutions that can truly help people find a new role in society and for society to find a new role in better social dialogue, says Natalia Brzezinski the CEO of Symposium

Stockholm and the Brilliant Minds Foundation.

Senior advisors:

Olivier Blanchard, professor and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Natalia Brzezinski, CEO of Symposium Stockholm and the Brilliant Minds Foundation

Sabina Dewan, President and Executive Director of the JustJobs Network

Jason Furman, former chief economist of President Obama

José Antonio Ocampo, co-director of Colombia's central bank and former Minister for Finance

Emmanuelle Wargon, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Business Sustainability Integration at Danone



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven at Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth

Published 15 November 2017

On 17 November, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is hosting the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg.

The Summit will bring together EU heads of state and government, EU institution leaders, the social partners and other key stakeholders to discuss how to promote good working conditions and more jobs.

The Prime Minister will conclude the day with a visit to the Volvo Group, together with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Prime Minister Löfven's programme:

07.45 Doorstep

Venue: Outside the main entrance to Eriksbergshallen

The Prime Minister holds a brief doorstep.

08.00 Welcoming the delegations

Venue: Plenary room, Eriksbergshallen (at the end of the entrance hall)

Prime Minister Löfven and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker receive the delegations.

09.30 The Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth opens

Venue: Plenary room, Eriksbergshallen

The meeting begins and Prime Minister Löfven holds a brief opening

address.

10.30–12.30 Working sessions on fair jobs and growth

Venue: Meeting rooms 1, 2 and 3, Eriksbergshallen

Prime Minister Löfven will take part in each session.

12.35 Closing remarks, group photo and signing ceremony of the European Pillar of Social Rights

Venue: Plenary room, Eriksbergshallen

Prime Minister Löfven holds a brief closing address. A group photo will be followed by the signing of the European Pillar for Social Rights by President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Parliament Antonio Tajani and Estonian Prime Minister Jüri Ratas.

13.15 Working lunch, chaired by the President of the European Council

Venue: River Restaurant

Prime Minister Löfven will take part in the working lunch with the heads of state and government.

15.30 Press conference

Venue: Plenary room, Eriksbergshallen

Prime Minister Löfven, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and the President of the European Council Donald Tusk will hold a joint press conference.

16:45 Visit to the Volvo Group with French President Emmanuel Macron

Venue: Volvo Campus Lundby, Gropegårdsgatan 2

Prime Minister Löfven and French President Emmanuel Macron visit the Volvo Group to discuss innovation and bilateral relations between the two countries.

17:30 Press conference with French President Emmanuel Macron

Venue: Volvo Campus Lundby, Gropegårdsgatan 2

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and French President Emmanuel Macron hold a joint press conference. Media representatives who wish to participate in the Volvo Group visit and the press conference must register separately. To register, please send an email to Boel Lindbergh. The number of places is limited.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven presented the Swedish programme for the 2018 Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Published 01 November 2017

The 69th Session of the Nordic Council is taking place in Helsinki between 31 October and 2 November. Sweden is represented by Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Nordic Cooperation Margot Wallström, Minister for the Environment Karolina Skog and Minister for Culture and Democracy Alice Bah Kuhnke.

At the opening of the Nordic Council's session in Helsinki on 31 October, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven presented the priorities of the 2018 Swedish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. Sweden's Presidency programme, entitled 'An inclusive, innovative and secure Nordic region' is based on three themes.

The first theme, 'An inclusive Nordic region', focuses on the Nordic social model whose hallmarks are trust, equality, gender equality and openness. The starting point is a number of challenges that the Nordic countries share in these areas.

The second theme, 'A sustainable and innovative Nordic region', focuses on Nordic innovation as a driving force for sustainable social transformation. Engagement in environmental issues is, and historically has been, strong in

the Nordic countries, but considerable efforts are needed if we are to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda both in the Nordic region and globally.

The third theme is 'A secure and open Nordic region'. Here, the focus is on cooperation on broad security issues, with security and openness as the watchwords.

In 2018, Sweden will also lead the work of the Council of the Baltic Sea States and the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, and coordinate informal Nordic and Nordic-Baltic foreign and security policy cooperation (N5 and NB8). The ambition is to find points of contact between these forms of cooperation and all countries in the Baltic Sea region to strengthen regional cooperation horizontally.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Information for journalists covering the #SocialSummit17 in Gothenburg

Published 31 October 2017

Registration for accreditation to the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg on Friday 17 November opens today.

Please register at socialsummit17.se/press.

Please download or read the Media Advisory at www.socialsummit17.se/press/. It offers useful information about the Summit events, the services that will be available, practical information about Gothenburg and important programme times to consider in your planning.

If you have any questions, please contact our staff whose contact details you will find here socialsummit17.se/press/.

Please send your questions about accreditation to media.socialsummit@aexp.com

Please send your media questions to rk.socialsummit.media@regeringskansliet.se

Background

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker will co-host a summit in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017 focusing on the promotion of fair jobs and growth.

The summit will bring together EU leaders, the social partners and other key stakeholders to discuss how to promote fair jobs and growth.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

EU heads of state or government invited to a Social Summit in Gothenburg

Published 26 September 2017

Sweden's Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, together with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, has invited heads of state or government from EU Member States, as well as over 30 different organisations and actors, to attend the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017. More than 180 participants have been invited to the summit.

The Social Summit in Gothenburg is an opportunity for key actors to discuss common challenges, political priorities and how the European Union, the Member States and the social partners can use exchange of experience to achieve better results on issues concerning labour markets and welfare systems in the future.

“We must become better at talking about issues that make a difference in people's everyday lives. In a more social Europe, fair working conditions, efficient labour markets and a strong social dialogue will contribute to increased growth and prosperity. And I am convinced that this Social Summit will help us create a stronger focus on these issues, both at national level in the Member States and at EU level,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The invitation has just gone out to the 27 other EU heads of state or government and to the other participants. European Council President

Donald Tusk and European Parliament President Antonio Tajani are also among those invited.

The Swedish social partners have been invited to attend. European social partners have also been invited, as good cooperation between employee organisations and employer organisations is key to improving the labour market and its conditions.

Other civil society actors that have been invited include Social Platform as a representative of many different civil society organisations in the EU, and the European Youth Forum representing a large number of youth organisations in the EU. Representatives of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions have also received invitations. Other invited participants include representatives of the International Labour Organisation, the Council of Europe and Eurofound.

In addition, members of the parties represented in the Swedish Riksdag will be invited to the Summit.

As large parts of the Social Summit will be webcast, citizens around Europe will have the opportunity to follow the discussions on issues concerning citizens in their everyday lives, such as new job opportunities, decent work and access to skills development.

Read more about the summit on the website: www.socialsummit17.se.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Government ministers at the United Nations General Assembly

Published 15 September 2017

Next week, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister Isabella Lövin and Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström will travel to the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The Swedish priorities are sustainable development and inclusive growth, the fight against climate change and strengthening the UN's conflict prevention and peacekeeping efforts. The Swedish ministers are scheduled to meet representatives of countries on the Security Council agenda.

During the visit, Mr Löfven will participate in a meeting on peacekeeping missions in the Security Council and meet with a number of leaders and the Secretary-General to discuss current foreign and security policy issues. Mr Löfven will also participate in a climate summit and speak about the efforts for inclusive growth and the Global Deal initiative at the World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Summit. Mr Löfven will be in New York between 18 and 20 September.

Ms Lövin will participate in the Conference on the Global Pact for the Environment and co-host an event on climate financing with French Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Nicolas Hulot. Ms Lövin will also participate in a summit on the humanitarian situation in South Sudan and meet with UN Women and UNFPA to discuss how access to sexual and reproductive health and rights affects women's economic empowerment. Ms Lövin will be in New York between 19 and 20 September.

Ms Wallström will participate in high-level discussions on conflict prevention, children and armed conflict, women, peace and security, as well as meetings on Yemen, Syria and South Sudan. As Sweden is a member of the Security Council, Ms Wallström will also attend a number of meetings during the week on issues currently on the Security Council's agenda. Ms Wallström will be in New York between 17 and 23 September.

For more information and detailed programmes, please contact the relevant minister's press secretary.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

New state secretaries at the Prime Minister's Office

Published 28 August 2017

On 27 August, the Government appointed Nils Vikmång as the Prime Minister's State Secretary and Kristina Persdotter as State Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipilä

Published 22 August 2017

On Friday 25 August, Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipilä will visit Stockholm. The visit is to commemorate Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state.

Mr Löfven and Mr Sipilä will visit Kungsträdgården, where the Finnish Embassy and its cooperation partners will organise a centenary event. A sculpture entitled 'Two countries – one future' will also be unveiled at Engelbrektsplan.

Afterwards, discussions and a press conference will be held at Rosenbad. Bilateral cooperation, regional security and EU matters will be discussed.

Press programme for the visit

Kungsträdgården

Approximately 14.30

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipilä in Kungsträdgården.

In connection with the City of Turku exhibition Photo opportunity.

Approximately 14.40

Mr Löfven and Mr Sipilä take part in Finland's centenary celebrations. Main stage.

Photo opportunity.

Approximately 15.00

Mr Löfven and Mr Sipilä tour the centenary celebration exhibitions. Photo opportunity.

Engelbrektsplan

Approximately 15.30

Unveiling ceremony of the sculpture entitled 'Two countries – one future'. Photo opportunity.

Rosenbad

Approximately 16.05

Mr Löfven and Mr Sipilä arrive at Rosenbad for discussions.

Photo opportunity at the entrance on their arrival. Photo pool at the start of the discussions.

Approximately 17.20

Press conference with Mr Löfven and Mr Sipilä in Bella Venezia. Language: English.

Obligatory registration for the photo opportunities and press conference by email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.

Please state which of the photo opportunities you are interested in.

More detailed information about times and venues will be sent to relevant media representatives.

Please bring your press credentials for entry to Rosenbad.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to co-chair new UN commission on the future of work

Published 16 August 2017

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has accepted an invitation to co-chair the new Global Commission on the Future of Work with President of Mauritius Ameenah Gurib-Fakim. The Commission brings together some 20 experts from diverse regions of the world. It will examine the impacts of the revolutionary and long-term changes associated with the digital economy, climate change, demographic shifts and other factors. The Commission will publish recommendations for the creation of a more efficient labour market.

“The world is facing major challenges. But if we join forces, the opportunities are enormous. Technological advances and climate adaptation must be used as positive forces for innovation and new business ideas, new jobs with better conditions and a system to ensure that more people all around the world can share in the benefits of globalisation,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Media representatives are invited to attend the launch of the Commission that will take place at ILO headquarters in Geneva on Monday 21 August at 15.00.

Press programme 21 August

14.40 Press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, President of

Mauritius Ameenah Gurib-Fakim and ILO Director-General Guy Ryder.

15.00 Launch of the Global Commission on the Future of Work.

16.30 Time for Swedish media interviews with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

For registration and accreditation, contact: Hans Von Rohland, rohland@ilo.org, +41 795 93 13 21 or newsroom@ilo.org, by Friday 18 August.

The launch will be webcast live on <http://www.ilo.org>



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice

Government reshuffle, 27 July 2017

Published 27 July 2017

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven today announced a government reshuffle. Three ministers have chosen to leave their posts, two new ministers have been appointed, and two ministers have been entrusted with revised areas of responsibility.

Ministers Anna Johansson, Anders Ygeman and Gabriel Wikström are leaving their posts.

Newly appointed ministers

Minister for Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth

Minister for Migration, and Deputy Minister for Justice: Heléne Fritzon

Changes by ministry

Ministry of Justice Minister for Justice and Home Affairs: Morgan Johansson

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs Minister for Health and Social Affairs: Annika Strandhäll



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to meet President Emmanuel Macron

Published 18 July 2017 Updated 18 July 2017

On 31 July, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Paris for meetings with President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Edouard Philippe. The agenda for talks includes Swedish-French cooperation, the future of the EU, migration and security, and jobs and growth. Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg will also travel to Paris, as one important issue to be discussed is innovation cooperation and the business sector.

Times and venues

16.00 Meeting with President Emmanuel Macron, Elysée Palace.

17.00 Photo opportunity and statements by President Macron and Prime Minister Löfven, Elysée Palace.

17.30 Meeting with Prime Minister Philippe.

18.30 Prime Minister Löfven to make comments to the media, Swedish Embassy in Paris.

Media are welcome to attend the opportunity for photo and statements following the meeting with President Macron, and to come to the Swedish Embassy where Mr Löfven will be available for comments following his meeting with Prime Minister Philippe. For further information and

accreditation, please contact the Swedish Embassy in Paris.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Löfven to receive Japan's Prime Minister Abe

Published 04 July 2017

On 8–9 July, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Sweden at the invitation of Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. They will meet to discuss deeper economic cooperation, including innovation, the UN Security Council – of which both Sweden and Japan are members in 2017 – and the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Sweden and Japan which will be celebrated next year.

Programme for the visit

Saturday 8 July

Evening Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrives in Sweden. He is received at Arlanda Airport by Minister Mikael Damberg. Photo opportunity.

Evening The Prime Minister receives Prime Minister Abe and Mrs Abe for dinner. Photo pool.

Sunday 9 July

Morning The Prime Minister receives Prime Minister Abe for talks at Rosenbad. Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Tête-à-tête and start of talks. Photo pool.

Joint press statement by the Prime Minister Löfven and Prime Minister Abe

in the entrance to Rosenbad. Languages: English and Japanese.

The press statement will be webcast on www.regeringen.se

After taking leave of Prime Minister Abe, Prime Minister Löfven will be available to the media for comments concerning the meeting.

To editorial offices

Accreditation from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is required to cover the visit. The deadline to apply for accreditation is 18.00 on Thursday 6 July. More detailed information about times and venues will be sent to media representatives concerned.

Accreditation application



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Conference to highlight gender equality ahead of Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth

Published 20 June 2017

The University of Gothenburg, the seat of the Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research, has been tasked with organising a conference ahead of the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth to be co-hosted in Gothenburg by Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker on 17 November 2017.

"It is hard to discuss well-functioning and fair labour markets, and efficient and sustainable social security systems, without highlighting gender equality. This is why the gender perspective will be addressed at the Summit. The gender perspective is also key in the discussion of the EU's future in a broad sense, and for this reason, we are organising this ministerial conference with the University of Gothenburg," says Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality Åsa Regnér.

The target group for the conference includes gender equality ministers from a selection of EU Member States, representatives of the social partners, the European Commission, the European Institute for Gender Equality and civil society representatives. The University of Gothenburg has been allocated SEK 1.4 million for the conference, which aims to conduct a dialogue on current gender equality issues and highlight aspects of gender equality in fair jobs and growth.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to attend European Council meeting in Brussels

Published 16 June 2017

On 22–23 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Brussels for a meeting of the European Council.

Prior to this meeting, Mr Löfven will travel to The Hague on 21 June for informal talks with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and government representatives from other Benelux, Nordic and Baltic countries.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister receives Botswana's President

Published 16 June 2017

On Monday 19 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Botswana's President Seretse Khama Ian Khama in Rosenbad. Talks will focus on bilateral relations between Sweden and Botswana and how commercial exchange can increase.

Since Botswana's independence in 1966, both countries have had close and cordial relations, and share central values of democracy and respect for human rights. At the same time there is potential to develop the bilateral exchange further, mainly in the area of trade, primarily within the energy, mining, transport, information technology and defence sectors.

During his visit to Sweden, President Khama will also hold meetings with Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist and Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde. He will also be received by the King and Queen at the Royal Palace, as well as visit Linköping.

Invitation to press conference

11.30 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President Khama at Rosenbad.
Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Tête-à-tête

Photo pool – meeting room.

Admittance to photo opportunity via Kopparporten from 11.00.

13.00 Prime Minister Löfven and President Khama hold a joint press conference in Bella Venezia.

Admittance to photo opportunity via Kopparporten from 12.30.
The press conference will be webcast live on www.government.se

Language: English

Please bring your press credentials.

Media representatives must register with Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Invitation to photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Bangladesh's Prime Minister

Published 14 June 2017

On Thursday 15 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Tid: 15 juni 2017 at 12.45

Plats: Rosenbad

Bilateral relations between Sweden and Bangladesh, including opportunities for increased trade, will be discussed during talks. The two heads of government will also discuss the importance of improving working conditions and productivity in an increasingly globalised labour market, as well as the Global Deal initiative.

During her two-day visit to Sweden, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will also have bilateral talks with Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister Isabella Lövin and Minister for Justice and Migration Morgan Johansson. She will also meet First Deputy Speaker Tobias Billström and be received by HM The King in an audience at the Royal Palace. In addition, she will take part in a business event organised by Business Sweden.

Media programme

12.45 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

in the entrance to Rosenbad.

12.50 Talks begin in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance and the Guest Dining Rooms.

Prior notification of attendance is required. Send your registration to Nina Kefi.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Reminder – Deadline for accreditation: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Poland

Published 14 June 2017

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will be in the Polish capital of Warsaw on 19–20 June. During his visit, Mr Löfven will have talks with Prime Minister Beata Szydło, primarily about common challenges in the EU, such as combating unemployment, creating fair working conditions in the labour market, dealing with migration and contributing to security in our neighbourhood. Mr Löfven will also speak to students and members of the public at the University of Warsaw about the future of the EU.

Programme:

Monday 19 June:

17.30 Speech at the University of Warsaw

Tuesday 20 June:

08.30 Bilateral talks with Prime Minister Szydło, photo opportunity

Approx. 10.10 Press conference

11.20 Visit to the POLIN Museum, photo opportunity during parts of the

visit

Accreditation is required. Applications must be received by the Swedish Embassy in Warsaw no later than 15 June.

If you have questions about the programme, please contact Press Secretary Ingela Nilsson.

If you have any questions about accreditation, please contact Katarzyna Szota.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister to welcome Aung San Suu Kyi to Stockholm

Published 09 June 2017

On Monday 12 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will welcome Myanmar's State Counsellor, Aung San Suu Kyi, to Rosenbad. They will meet to discuss bilateral relations between Sweden and Myanmar.

During her two-day visit to Sweden, Ms Aung San Suu Kyi will have bilateral talks with Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström, Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate Isabella Lövin. She will also give a speech in the Riksdag at the invitation of Speaker of the Riksdag Urban Ahlin.

Programme points

Monday 12 June

Morning Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström receives Ms Aung San Suu Kyi at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Initial talks are followed by a working lunch. Photo opportunity on arrival.

Early afternoon Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Ms Aung San Suu Kyi at Rosenbad. Photo opportunity at the entrance to Rosenbad. Photo pool at the start of the meeting. Joint press conference.

Late afternoon Meeting with Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, followed by a meeting with Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister Isabella Lövin.

Tuesday 13 June

Morning Ms Aung San Suu Kyi gives a speech in the Riksdag. Photo opportunity on arrival. Media representatives with Riksdag accreditation have the opportunity to be present during the speech.

Advance registration

Media representatives must register and/or apply for a place in the photo pool. Please register/apply via the International Press Centre at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs no later than 15.00 on Sunday 11 June. More detailed information about times and venues will be sent to media representatives concerned.

Advance registration/application for place in photo pool



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

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Mr Löfven will also speak to students and members of the public at the University of Warsaw about the future of the EU.

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If you have questions about the programme, please contact Press Secretary Ingela Nilsson.

For accreditation, please contact Katarzyna Szota.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to participate in memorial ceremony

Published 10 April 2017

On Monday 10 April, the Prime Minister will participate in the City of Stockholm's official ceremony in connection with the minute's silence for the victims of 7 April. The ceremony will take place at Stockholm City Hall at 12.00.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Government Offices flags at half mast

Published 07 April 2017

From 8.00 tomorrow, Saturday 8 April, the Government Offices will fly its flags at half mast. Half-masting will be coordinated with the Royal Court, the Riksdag and the City of Stockholm.

"This is a day of mourning for Sweden. The attack targeted our society at its most vulnerable – when we are going about our daily lives. Our thoughts go to those affected and to their families," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Press briefing with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

Published 07 April 2017

Press briefing in connection with the incident in central
Stockholm.

Tid: 7 april 2017 at 21.30

Plats: Venue: Rosenbad, Stockholm



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance

Smaller EU budget and Sweden's contribution must be kept down – the Government's general priorities ahead of the upcoming EU budget negotiations

Published 27 March 2017

The EU's new budget must be smaller than the current one and Sweden's contribution must be kept down. Money should go to common areas such as migration and security rather than to agricultural aid, and payments to Member States must be subject to the condition that joint decisions in the area of migration are followed. This is the Government's position ahead of the upcoming EU budget negotiations that was presented by Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Minister for Finance Magdalena Andersson today.

“We need a modern and efficient EU budget in the future. A budget in which money goes to the right things and where there are consequences for not taking responsibility and following EU decisions,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

When the United Kingdom leaves the EU, a major contributor to the EU budget will disappear. This will have major consequences for both the budget that applies now and future negotiations on a new budget.

The EU budget is governed by a multiannual financial framework, known as

the long-term budget. The current framework applies for the period 2014–2020. A proposal for a new long-term budget from 2021 is expected to be presented at the end of this year, or early next year.

Work on a new long-term budget has already begun, and today the Government is presenting its overarching positions ahead of the coming budget negotiations.

- When the UK's contribution disappears, the budget will have to be reduced by the corresponding amount. The Government wants to set an expenditure ceiling that does not exceed 1 per cent of the EU's GNI.
- Sweden's contribution must be kept down. We want to do this primarily by reducing the budget but also by defending the proportion we pay ourselves.
- The Government wants to see a modern budget with reprioritisations that benefit common measures, such as security, migration, competitiveness, research and climate change adaptation. This is done through reduced appropriations for agricultural support and structural funds.
- There must be a price for not taking responsibility. Countries that do not take their responsibility when it comes to migration policy should not be able to have access to support from the EU in the same way as is currently the case. All Member States must stand up for our shared values and joint decisions. The EU brings with it both benefits and obligations.
- The Government wants to see more effective control of how EU funding is used. With a reduced budget it will be even more important to ensure that the money is used in the right way.

“It is important that the budget is reduced when the British leave the EU. It is not reasonable that we, and other Member States, should have to pay more; we must keep Sweden's EU contribution down,” says Ms Andersson.

Sweden will take a proactive role in the coming budget negotiations and has already initiated a dialogue with the European Commission on Sweden's priorities.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to travel to Slovenia

Published 24 March 2017

On 26–27 March, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is travelling to Slovenia for talks with Prime Minister Miro Cerar.

The agenda includes cooperation between the two countries and topical EU issues such as growth, fair jobs, migration and developments in the neighbourhood.

Mr Löfven will also meet President Borut Pahor during his visit.

A selection of Mr Löfven's programme points:

Monday 27 March

09.35 Photo opportunity, Blue Salon, Presidential Palace.

10.50 Press conference, Press Centre, Presidential Palace



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Global Press Release - Human Development Report 2016

Published 21 March 2017 Updated 21 March 2017

Press release from UNDP. World's most marginalized still left behind by global development priorities: UNDP report Millions of people are not benefiting from progress, with the gap set to widen unless deep-rooted development barriers, including discrimination and unequal political participation, are tackled.

Stockholm, 21 March 2017 – A quarter-century of impressive human development progress continues to leave many people behind, with systemic, often unmeasured, barriers to catching up. A stronger focus on those excluded and on actions to dismantle these barriers is urgently needed to ensure sustainable human development for all.

These are the findings of the Human Development Report 2016, entitled 'Human Development for Everyone', released today by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The report finds that although average human development improved significantly across all regions from 1990 to 2015, one in three people worldwide continue to live in low levels of human development, as measured by the Human Development Index.

"Leaving no one behind needs to become the way we operate as a global community. In order to overcome the barriers that hamper both human development and progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, inclusiveness must guide policy choices," said Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, speaking at the launch of the report in Stockholm today, alongside UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and the report's lead author and Director

of the Human Development Report Office, Selim Jahan.

"The world has come a long way in rolling back extreme poverty, in improving access to education, health and sanitation, and in expanding possibilities for women and girls," said Helen Clark. "But those gains are a prelude to the next, possibly tougher challenge, to ensure the benefits of global progress reach everyone."

This is a concern in developed countries too, where poverty and exclusion are also a challenge, with over 300 million people – including more than one-third of all children – living in relative poverty.

Left behind and unable to catch up: systemic discrimination against women, indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities, among others

The report notes that not only are deprivations high, but disadvantages disproportionately affect some groups.

"We place too much attention on national averages, which often mask enormous variations in people's lives," stated Selim Jahan. "In order to advance, we need to examine more closely not just what has been achieved, but also who has been excluded and why."

The report shows that in almost every country, several groups face disadvantages that often overlap and reinforce each other, increasing vulnerability, widening the progress gap across generations, and making it harder to catch up as the world moves on.

Women and girls, rural dwellers, indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, migrants and refugees, and the LGBTI community are among those systematically excluded by barriers that are not purely economic, but political, social and cultural as well.

In the case of women, the largest of these groups, the report notes that while global gender disparities are narrowing slowly, longstanding patterns of exclusion and lack of empowerment for women and girls remain pressing challenges.

Women tend to be poorer, earn less, and have fewer opportunities in most aspects of life than men. In 100 countries, women are legally excluded from some jobs because of their gender, and in 18 countries, women need their husband's approval to work. Dangerous practices like female genital mutilation and forced marriage continue.

Populations living in rural areas also face multiple barriers. For instance, children from poor rural households attending school are less likely to be learning reading, writing and mathematics.

Moreover, migrants and refugees often face barriers to work, education and political participation and more than 250 million people in the world face discrimination on the basis of their ethnicity, the report notes among other examples.

It is time to face up to deep-rooted barriers to development

"By eliminating deep, persistent, discriminatory social norms and laws, and addressing the unequal access to political participation, which have hindered progress for so many, poverty can be eradicated and a peaceful, just, and sustainable development can be achieved for all," Helen Clark said.

Marginalized groups often have limited opportunities to influence the institutions and policies that determine their lives. Changing this is central to breaking the vicious circle of exclusion and deprivation.

For example, indigenous peoples account for five percent of the world's population, but 15 percent of people living in poverty. And members of the LGBTI community cannot actively advocate for their rights when same-sex acts between men are illegal in more than 70 countries.

The report calls for far greater attention to empowering the most marginalized in society, and recognizes the importance of giving them greater voice in decision-making processes.

The report also calls for a more refined analysis to inform actions, including making a shift toward assessing progress in such areas as participation and autonomy. Key data, disaggregated for characteristics such as place, gender, socioeconomic status and ethnicity, is vital to know who is being left behind.

Moreover, the report warns, key development metrics can overstate progress when they focus on the quantity, rather than the quality, of development. For instance, girls' enrolment in primary education has increased, but in half of 53 developing countries with data, the majority of adult women who completed four to six years of primary school are illiterate.

Human development for everyone is attainable

"Despite progress gaps, universal human development is attainable," said

Selim Jahan. "Over the last decades, we have witnessed achievements in human development that were once thought impossible."

Since 1990, one billion people have escaped extreme poverty, and women's empowerment has become a mainstream issue: while as recently as the 1990s, very few countries legally protected women from domestic violence, today, 127 countries do.

The report stresses the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to build on these gains, noting that the agenda and human development approach are mutually reinforcing.

The report includes recommendations to reorient policies to ensure progress reaches those furthest behind, and urges reforms of global markets and global institutions to make them more equitable and representative.

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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Croatia's President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović

Published 17 March 2017

On Tuesday 21 March, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović in Stockholm. They are meeting to discuss issues such as increased growth, migration and security, and how the good relations between the countries can be developed.

Invitation to press conference

11.30 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Croatia's President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović in the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

Talks.

Photo pool.

13.00 Joint press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović in Bella Venezia. Language: English.

The press conference will be webcast live on www.government.se.

Admittance via Kopparporten, 11.00–11.15 for the photo opportunity and 12.30–13.00 for the press conference.

Please bring your press credentials.

During her visit to Sweden, President Grabar-Kitarović will also be received

by HM The King in an audience at the Royal Palace and meet Speaker of the Riksdag Urban Ahlin. There will also be meetings with representatives of the business sector and visits to Swedish companies, as well as visits to Gothenburg and Malmö.

Please register in advance by emailing Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Human Development Report 2016 to launch on 21 March 2017 in Stockholm, Sweden

Published 14 March 2017

Media Advisory from UNDP.

Who: Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden
Helen Clark, United Nations Development Programme Administrator
Isabella Lövin, Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden
Selim Jahan, Director of the Human Development Report Office

What: Launch on UNDP's Human Development Report 2016 'Human Development for Everyone'

Event will include formal launch and a media Q&A.

When: Tuesday, 21 March 2017, at 3 pm in Stockholm, Sweden (2 pm GMT)

Where: The Pillar Hall, Norra Latin, Drottninggatan 71B, Stockholm, Sweden. Admittance via Marmorvalvet.

Please bring your press credentials.

Follow livestream at <http://hdr.undp.org>

'Human Development for Everyone'

The Human Development Report 2016 'Human Development for Everyone' will be launched on 21 March in Stockholm with the Prime Minister of Sweden, Stefan Löfven; the United Nations Development Programme Administrator, Helen Clark; Isabella Lövin, Deputy Prime Minister of

Sweden and the Director of the Human Development Report Office and lead author of the report, Selim Jahan.

In past decades, there have been significant gains in human development levels in almost every country; but millions of people have not benefitted from this progress. Who has been left behind and why? The Human Development Report 2016 looks into these two questions. It identifies and recognizes that in every society certain groups are far more likely to suffer disadvantages than others and identifies deep-rooted, and often unmeasured, barriers to development.

The report also looks to what societies should do to advance human development for everyone. It sets forward policy recommendations at the national level and also looks at ways in which the global development landscape could be made more effective in the fight to leave no one behind and achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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About this report: Human development is about expanding the richness of human life, rather than simply the richness of the economy in which human beings live. This idea focuses on people and their choices and opportunities. The Human Development Reports use this approach to analyse some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity to achieve sustainable progress. More information at <http://hdr.undp.org>



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Lithuanian Prime Minister Saulius Skvernelis

Published 01 March 2017

On Monday 6 March, Lithuania's Prime Minister Saulius Skvernelis will be visiting for talks with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. During their talks, they will discuss current issues such as trade and increased growth, migration and security in our neighbourhood.

Tid: 6 mars 2017 at 15.15

Plats: Rosenbad, at the entrance to Rosenbad

Photo opportunity.

Please bring your press credentials. Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Malta's Prime Minister Joseph Muscat

Published 22 February 2017 Updated 22 February 2017

On Tuesday 28 February, Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of Malta, the country currently holding the Presidency of the European Union, will arrive for talks with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. Talks between the two will primarily focus on the future of the EU and current issues such as migration and fair conditions in the labour market. The visit will begin with a joint wreath-laying ceremony at Olof Palme's grave.

Press programme for the visit

10.00 Adolf Fredrik's cemetery

Mr Löfven, Social Democratic Party Secretary Lena Rådström Baastad and Mr Muscat will lay wreaths at Olof Palme's grave.

Photo opportunity. Photographers must be in place by 09.50.

11.50 Rosenbad, Bella Venezia

Press briefing with Prime Minister Löfven and Prime Minister Muscat.
Language: English.

Enter via Kopparporten from 11.15–11.40. Please bring your press credentials. Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Visit by German foreign minister cancelled

Published 20 February 2017 Updated 20 February 2017

Tuesday's scheduled visit by Germany's Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Sigmar Gabriel is cancelled due to illness.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Canada's Governor General David Johnston

Published 16 February 2017 Updated 16 February 2017

As part of the Canadian State Visit, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Governor General David Johnston.

Date and time: Monday 20 February at 16.00. Photo opportunity on the Governor General's arrival at Rosenbad. Prime Minister Löfven and Governor General Johnston will hold a press briefing in Bella Venezia at 16.45. Language: English.

Place: Rosenbad. Photographers taking part in the photo opportunity at 16.00 must be in place by 15.45. Entry via Kopparporten from 15.15. Entry for journalists taking part in the press briefing is between 16.05 and 16.40.

Advance notification of attendance: Please register in advance by emailing Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.

On 20–23 February 2017, Governor General of Canada David Johnston, accompanied by Dr Sharon Johnston, will pay a State Visit to Sweden at the invitation of HM The King.

The Governor General will be accompanied by a delegation of prominent Canadian citizens from various areas of society.

The Swedish Government will be represented by Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Minister for Higher Education and Research Helene Hellmark Knutsson and Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde.

Global issues, migration, innovation, sustainability and trade will be the focus of the State Visit, alongside the promotion of potential business opportunities between the two countries.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

President and CEO of Volvo Group and President of KTH take seats on National Innovation Council

Published 13 February 2017 Updated 13 February 2017

Sigbritt Karlsson, President of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, and Martin Lundstedt, President and CEO of the Volvo Group, are new members of the National Innovation Council. Both will take part in the Council's first meeting of 2017, on 13 February.

As two new members take their seats on the National Innovation Council, Sweden's status as an innovative country is on an upward curve. Sweden is gaining ground in global comparisons of countries' innovative capacity and competitiveness. Other countries are interested in Sweden's solutions and wish to collaborate. One example of this is the agreement between Germany and Sweden on innovative cooperation on digitalisation, eHealth and future mobility that was reached during Chancellor Merkel's visit to Sweden earlier this year.

Now two new members will take their seats on the National Innovation Council and offer their knowledge and experience to contribute to society's development, with a focus on innovation.

"I am very pleased and proud that Sigbritt Karlsson and Martin Lundstedt are now members of the National Innovation Council. They are both people with great experience and, with their knowledge from research and the business sector, will have a lot to contribute to the Council's work," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Sigbritt Karlsson has been the President of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology since 2016. She holds an MSc in Engineering and is a professor with long experience from education and research.

"I am really looking forward to this assignment and, with my experience from academia – both as a researcher and as President – I believe I have a lot to offer from that particular perspective. KTH also conducts extensive work in the area of innovation and entrepreneurship," says Ms Karlsson.

Martin Lundstedt has been President and CEO of the Volvo Group since 2015. He holds an MSc in Engineering and has previously served as CEO of Scania.

"The task of the National Innovation Council is to develop Sweden as an innovative country. I look forward to assisting in this effort. Together, we can create even better conditions for development, entrepreneurship and growth. Sweden cannot be best at everything, and we must have the courage to prioritise. I hope that those of us on the Council can also point out a clear direction so that we take advantage of the opportunities ahead of us," says Mr Lundstedt.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment

Government proposes historic climate reform for Sweden

Published 06 February 2017 Updated 06 February 2017

The Government today adopted a proposal on a climate policy framework for Sweden. The climate act and new climate goals will give Sweden an ambitious, long-term and stable climate policy.

A proposal for a new climate policy framework was adopted today. It consists of new climate goals, a climate act and a climate policy council, and is based on an agreement reached last year in the Cross-Party Committee on Environmental Objectives. The proposal has now been sent to the Council on Legislation.

"The climate act is historic and represents an epochal shift for Sweden. Just as we must keep our fiscal house in order, we must also put our house in order regarding climate policy. This is the most important reform that our generation of politicians will carry out for Sweden's young people, our children and grandchildren. Sweden will be one of the world's first fossil-free welfare nations," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The climate act contains fundamental provisions on the Government's climate policy efforts. In its annual Budget Bill, the Government is to submit a climate review to the Riksdag and draw up a climate action plan for each electoral period.

"There will be no more arbitrariness in climate policy. The large majority of the Riksdag supporting the framework enables a long-term approach and stability, which is exactly what climate policy needs. The transition presents enormous opportunities in the form of jobs, better health and competitiveness," says Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate Isabella Lövin.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Employment,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President Jean-Claude Juncker to host Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth

Published 23 January 2017 Updated 23 January 2017

Together with President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, Sweden's Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will host a Social Summit in Gothenburg on 17 November 2017, focusing on promoting fair jobs and growth.

The Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth will gather heads of state and government, the social partners and other key players to work together to promote fair jobs and growth. Well-functioning and fair European labour markets, effective and sustainable social protection systems and the promotion of social dialogue at all levels will be at the heart of these discussions.

In spite of recent improvements in economic conditions, the legacy of the worst economic and social crisis in recent times has been far-reaching. The world of work and our societies are changing fast, with new opportunities and new challenges arising from globalisation, the digital revolution, changing work patterns and demographic developments. We share a responsibility and an interest in working for a more prosperous and 'future-proof' Europe, where economic and social developments go hand-in-hand.

The Summit will be an opportunity for key stakeholders to discuss the policy priorities and initiatives set at European level and to see how the European

Union, the Member States and social partners at all levels can deliver on their shared economic and social priorities.

President Jean-Claude Juncker said: “Since the start of my mandate, I have made clear that I wanted a more social Europe. We have taken important first steps to achieve that. This year will be crucial. Following the broad public consultation, it is time to establish the European Pillar of Social Rights. The Social Summit in Sweden will help us to deliver the momentum and put social priorities where they belong: at the top of Europe's agenda.”

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven said: “In these challenging times, we need to show that we can deliver results in peoples’ everyday lives. A more social Europe, with fair working conditions, effective labour markets and a strong social dialogue, should be a priority for all of us. I trust we can take important steps towards this goal at the Social Summit in November.”



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Published 19 January 2017 Updated 19 January 2017

On Tuesday 31 January, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Germany's Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel. Talks between the two will primarily address the future of the EU and current issues such as security and migration.

“I look forward to welcoming Chancellor Merkel to Stockholm. We are still facing many major challenges in Europe, and it is important for Sweden to be able to cooperate with Germany for more jobs and higher growth, for security, and to ensure that the EU is better able to deal with the refugee situation,” says Mr Löfven.

Programme for the visit

Early morning

Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel arrives in Sweden. She is received by Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg.

Photo opportunity

Morning

The King and Queen receive Chancellor Merkel in an audience at the Royal Palace.

Photo pool.

Lunch

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Chancellor Merkel at Rosenbad.
Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Tête-à-tête.
Photo pool.

Mr Löfven and Dr Merkel hold a joint press conference in Bella Venezia.
Languages: Swedish and German.

The press conference will be webcast live on
government.se and regeringen.se.

Afternoon

Prime Minister Löfven and Chancellor Merkel take part in the seminar
‘German Swedish Tech Forum’, where they will each give a speech.
Photo opportunity and opportunity for the media to attend the speeches.

Advance registration

Media representatives must register and/or apply for a place in the photo
pool. Please register/apply via the International Press Centre at the Ministry
for Foreign Affairs no later than 16.00 on 27 January. More detailed
information about times and venues will be sent to media representatives
concerned.

Advance registration/application for place in photo pool



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Invitation to photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Estonian President

Published 18 January 2017 Updated 18 January 2017

On Thursday 26 January Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid.

Tid: 26 januari 2017 at 08.00

Plats: Rosenbad

Talks will primarily concern EU issues such as a more social Europe, digitalisation and Estonia's upcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union in July–December 2017. Bilateral issues and security in our region will also be discussed.

During the visit to Sweden, the President will also meet HM The King, the Speaker of the Riksdag and the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Media programme

08.00 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President Kersti Kaljulaid in the entrance to Rosenbad.

08.05 Talks begin in the Rosenbad Guest Dining Rooms.

Photo opportunity at the entrance and the Guest Dining Rooms.

Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Iran

Published 16 January 2017 Updated 16 January 2017

On 11–12 February, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit Iran at the invitation of President Hassan Rouhani. Discussions will primarily concern bilateral cooperation, trade issues and developments in the region, with a focusing on Syria.

Iran is an important political and economic actor with a key role in the region. Developments in the Middle East increasingly affect both Europe and Sweden. The Prime Minister has therefore travelled extensively in the region and spoken with the major stakeholders. Good relations are particularly important now that Sweden has taken its seat on the United Nations Security Council. Sweden and Iran have close ties, not least because of the large Iranian diaspora in Sweden.

A business delegation, including representatives of a large number of Swedish companies and government agencies, will also be travelling to Iran. The delegation, led by Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde, is part of the Government's Team Sweden initiative and export strategy to promote increased Swedish presence in growth markets. Historically, Iran has been one of Sweden's most important export markets in the Middle East and several Swedish companies have long had a presence in the country.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven attends World Economic Forum in Davos

Published 12 January 2017 Updated 12 January 2017

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will take part in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos on 17–18 January. This year's theme is Responsive and Responsible Leadership and in his meetings Mr Löfven will highlight the importance of greater equality and reduced economic disparities in the wake of globalisation.

Mr Löfven will take part in discussions on the new UN Sustainable Development Goals and in a panel discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of globalisation.

A selection of Mr Löfven's programme points:

Tuesday 17 January

16.00–17.30 Seminar on the 2030 Agenda

Wednesday 18 January

7.30–8.45 Roundtable discussion with the Europe Regional Business Council

10.45–11.45 Governing globalisation – panel discussion on globalisation, Congress Centre, Aspen 2, open to the media

15.00–15.30 Press conference with Minister for Finance Magdalena Andersson, Press Conference Room, Media Village



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Invitation to press conference and photo opportunity when the Prime Minister receives Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Published 08 December 2016 Updated 08 December 2016

On Monday 12 December, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos in Stockholm. The visit will take place in connection with President Santos being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring about a peace agreement between the Colombian Government and the FARC guerrillas.

Date and time: Monday 12 December at 13.30. Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, between 12.45 and 13.15 for a joint walk to Sager House. Please come on time.

Press credentials are required.

Place: Sager House.

During his visit in Stockholm, President Santos will also meet King Carl XVI Gustaf and Crown Princess Victoria, and attend a seminar at the Riksdag. The purpose of the seminar is to discuss the lessons that can be learned from the Colombian peace process and how these can be applied to other conflicts.

Registration to: dan.lundqvist.dahlin@regeringskansliet.se



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Poland's President Andrzej Duda in Stockholm

Published 25 November 2016 Updated 30 November 2016

Poland's President Andrzej Duda will visit Sweden on 30 November–1 December. As part of the visit, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President Duda for talks at Rosenbad. Focus during the talks will be on the countries' relations and security in the Baltic Sea region.

Tid: 1 december 2016 at 08.00

Plats: Rosenbad, Stockholm

Invitation to statements and photo opportunity

Thursday 1 December 08.00: Mr Löfven will receive Mr Duda in the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity

Statements by Mr Löfven and Mr Duda in the entrance to Rosenbad.

The statements will be given in Swedish and Polish, and webcast on www.regeringen.se.

Talks begin in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo pool.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 07.30.

Media representatives must be in place by 07.45.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to press secretary Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.

Programme points

During his visit to Sweden, Mr Duda will also meet the King and Queen, the Speaker of the Riksdag and representatives of the Swedish business sector.

Wednesday 30 November

Morning

Polish-Swedish business seminar, 'Innovation: a key to future growth. Polish and Swedish experiences', Norra Latin.

Meeting with the King and Queen at the Royal Palace.

Afternoon

Meeting with Speaker of the Riksdag Urban Ahlin.

Thursday, 1 December

Morning

Mr Löfven receives Mr Duda in the entrance to Rosenbad as above.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister receives Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko – invitation to press conference and photo opportunity

Published 08 November 2016 Updated 08 November 2016

On 14 November, Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko will visit Sweden at the invitation of Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. The agenda for their discussions at Rosenbad will include Sweden's support to Ukraine, its sovereignty and territorial integrity, the country's modernisation reforms and its process of EU integration, and security in the region.

Tid: 14 november 2016 at 11.30

Plats: Rosenbad, Stockholm

During his visit to Sweden, President Poroshenko will also meet with Speaker of the Riksdag Urban Ahlin and hold discussions with Swedish businesses under the leadership of State Secretary Oscar Stenström.

Media programme

11.30 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President Petro Poroshenko in the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity

11.35 Talks begin in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo pool

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 10.45. Photographers must be in place by 11.15.

12.20 Press conference in Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 11.45.

The press conference will be held in English and Ukrainian and webcast live on www.regeringen.se.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Defence

Prime Minister to receive Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka – press conference and photo opportunity

Published 28 October 2016 Updated 03 November 2016

On 3–4 November, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Bohuslav Sobotka will visit Sweden at the invitation of Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. Issues including jobs and growth, the internal market, decent working conditions and migration will be the focus of the talks at Rosenbad. Developing and deepening cooperation between the Czech Republic and Sweden in the EU context, not least in light of Brexit, will also be discussed.

Tid: 3 november 2016 at 11.45

Plats: Bella Venezia in Rosenbad, Stockholm

Media programme

11.45 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka in the entrance to Rosenbad.

11.50 Talks begin in the Rosenbad Guest Dining Rooms.

Photo opportunities at the entrance and in the Guest Dining Rooms.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 11.00. Photographers must be in place by 11.30.

13.00 Press conference in Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 12.15.

The press conference will be held in English and Czech and webcast live on www.regeringen.se.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to Nina Kefi, Prime Minister's Office.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven visits Iraq

Published 24 October 2016 Updated 24 October 2016

Today, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is visiting Iraq. The Prime Minister will discuss developments in the country, particularly the fight against Daesh and the offensive against Mosul, as well as Swedish-Iraqi cooperation, which is to intensify. During his visit to Baghdad, the Prime Minister will have talks with the Iraqi Prime Minister, and the President and Speaker of the Parliament.

The fight against Daesh and the ongoing offensive against Mosul will also be key topics of discussion. Iraq has been severely affected by Daesh's warfare, but Daesh also constitutes a threat to all open societies, not least in Europe. Sweden is helping in the form of a military training operation, and also in the long term through development cooperation and extensive humanitarian support.

"The forces that attack our open societies with bloody acts of terrorism must be combated. The offensive against Mosul is an important step in the fight against Daesh and all players must do their utmost to protect the large civilian population in the city. It is also important that Iraqi leaders work for national reconciliation and reform in the country. This is crucial for long-term, stable development in the country," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Saudi Arabia

Published 20 October 2016 Updated 20 October 2016

On 22–23 October, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit Saudi Arabia to discuss bilateral cooperation, development in the region, Syria and other current issues.

On Sunday 23 October, Mr Löfven will have talks with representatives of the Saudi Royal Family and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and he will meet the Saudi Human Rights Commission. Mr Löfven will also meet Saudi business representatives.

On 1 January 2017, Sweden takes its seat on the UN Security Council. Top of the agenda is Syria, which is one important reason why the Prime Minister is travelling to the region.

"Saudi Arabia is an important political and economic actor with a key role in development and security in the region. The situation in Syria will be a priority issue during the talks. I also see good opportunities for greater exchange in areas such as innovation and sustainability."



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Invitation to photo opportunity when Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas

Published 07 October 2016 Updated 07 October 2016

On Wednesday 12 October, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas for talks. Discussions are expected to primarily focus on EU issues such as migration, a social Europe and digitalisation. Security and Baltic Sea issues will also be discussed.

Tid: 12 oktober 2016 at 14.00

Plats: Rosenbad

During his visit to Sweden, Prime Minister Rõivas will also meet Minister for Housing and Digital Development Peter Eriksson.

Media programme

14.00 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas at the entrance to Rosenbad.

14.05 Talks begin in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance and the Guest Dining Rooms.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 13.15. Photographers must be in place by 13.45.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Invitation to photo opportunity when Prime Minister receives EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini

Published 07 October 2016 Updated 07 October 2016

On Monday 10 October, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini for talks.

Tid: 10 oktober 2016 at 13.30

Plats: Rosenbad

Agenda points include the war in Syria, the refugee crisis and security in our region.

Media programme

13.30 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini.

13.35 Talks begin in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance and in the Guest Dining Rooms.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 12.45. Photographers must be in place by 13.15.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration is required.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to attend the state funeral of Shimon Peres

Published 29 September 2016 Updated 29 September 2016

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will attend tomorrow's state funeral in Jerusalem for Israel's former President Shimon Peres.

In an earlier statement, Mr Löfven said, "With the death of Shimon Peres, Israel has lost a legendary leader and the world has lost a champion of peace. Shimon Peres was part of the generation who founded modern Israel. He will be remembered for his decades as a leading political representative in Israel for peace between Israelis and Palestinians."

Media questions of a practical nature concerning the state funeral should be addressed to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Reminder: Photo opportunity and press conference as Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Portugal's Prime Minister Antonio Costa

Published 28 September 2016 Updated 02 October 2016

On Monday 3 October, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Portugal's Prime Minister António Costa for talks. Sweden and Portugal are celebrating 375 years of bilateral relations. Issues on the agenda will primarily include our bilateral and EU cooperation, not least in light of Brexit, efforts to ensure a more social Europe, and migration.

Media programme

12.00 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Antonio Costa at the entrance to Rosenbad.

12.05 Talks begin in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance and in the Guest Dining Rooms.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 11.15. Photographers must be in place by 11.45.

13.30 Press conference in Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 13.00.

The press conference will be held in English and webcast live on www.regeringen.se

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven travels to Canada and the United States

Published 13 September 2016 Updated 13 September 2016

On 17 September, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Montreal for a meeting with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, after which he will continue to New York and the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. In New York Mr Löfven will take part in President Barack Obama's Leaders' Summit on Refugees, co-hosted by Sweden, and the launch of the Global Deal initiative.

Programme:

On 17 September, Mr Löfven will meet Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Montreal. Discussions will focus on how the two countries should continue to develop the good relations they share and how they can cooperate on global issues such as migration. Gender equality, jobs and trade will also be addressed.

While in Montreal, Mr Löfven will also take part in the Global Fund Replenishment Conference. Sweden is a substantial donor to the Fund, which is a key partner in the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

On 19–21 September, Mr Löfven will attend the opening session of the UN General Assembly in New York. In connection with this, President Obama has taken the initiative for a Leaders' Summit on Refugees. Sweden will co-

host the Summit, together with Canada, Ethiopia, Germany, Jordan and Mexico.

Mr Löfven's Global Deal initiative will also be launched during his visit to New York. This global initiative for social dialogue and better conditions in the labour market internationally was designed in cooperation with the OECD and the ILO, and will be launched on 21 September.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Government presents historic climate and environment budget

Published 13 September 2016 Updated 13 September 2016

The Government wants to further strengthen Sweden's position as a climate leader. The Budget Bill for 2017 proposes the largest investment budget in the area of climate and the environment in Sweden's history.

The Government's efforts to build our society are accelerating the transition to a more sustainable society. In the budget for 2017, the Government is proposing SEK 12.9 billion in new investments in climate action, fossil-free travel and renewable energy sources for the period 2017–2020. These investments will primarily be made in four areas: the transition to renewable energy, fossil-free travel, the 'Involving all of Sweden' initiative and international climate investments.

Climate Leap and urban environment agreements

Through the Climate Leap, the Government is investing a total of SEK 3.5 billion in regional and local initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This is being matched by at least 50 per cent co-financing by businesses, municipalities, county councils and tenant-owner associations, thus enabling SEK 7–9 billion in climate investments in Sweden during the period 2015–2020.

The Government proposes increased investment in urban environment agreements. These agreements were launched to contribute to sustainable urban environments through support for public transport investments. This support will now be expanded to include investments in cycling infrastructure as well. The SEK 500 million per year in 2015–2018 that

previously applied will be increased by SEK 250 million in 2017 and SEK 500 million in 2018.

Fossil-free travel

As a step in breaking free from fossil fuels, the Government is continuing to strengthen the railways to improve the possibilities for more journeys and transports to take place by train. The Government is allocating SEK 5.9 billion to augment resources for the operation and maintenance of railways during the period 2019–2020, and intends to present an infrastructure bill to the Riksdag proposing an economic framework for a national plan during the period 2018–2020.

A special investment of SEK 200 million will be implemented in 2017 to increase railway capacity and make the system more robust.

International investments

The Government is also introducing a programme for purchasing and cancelling emission allowances in the EU. The intention is to invest SEK 300 million each year in the programme during the period 2018–2040. The initiative is a concrete measure to reduce the total amount of carbon dioxide that may be emitted within the EU Emissions Trading System. SEK 500 million will be added to the development cooperation framework during the period 2017–2020. The proposed increase will improve opportunities for climate financing in low and middle income countries.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive President of the European Council Donald Tusk

Published 07 September 2016 Updated 07 September 2016

On Friday 9 September, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President of the European Council Donald Tusk. Mr Löfven and Mr Tusk will discuss the EU's future and the challenges it faces following the UK referendum as part of preparations for the informal European Council meeting in Bratislava in September.

Tid: 9 september 2016 at 16.10

Plats: The entrance hall to Rosenbad, Rosenbad 4

"We are facing major challenges but also many opportunities in the EU in the near future. I look forward to discussions with President of the European Council Donald Tusk on how we in the EU can work together for more and better jobs, an ambitious environment and climate policy, and a sustainable common asylum system," says Mr Löfven.

Programme

16:10 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President Donald Tusk in the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity and statements by Stefan Löfven and Donald Tusk in the entrance.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 15.30. Photographers and journalists must be in place by 16.00.

The statements will be in English and published on www.regeringen.se.

Please bring your press credentials. Registration required via email.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to meet with Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel

Published 19 August 2016 Updated 19 August 2016

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has been invited to meet with Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin on 26 August. Together with the Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, the Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipilä and the Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, the two heads of government will discuss the EU's future and the challenges it is facing following the UK referendum, in preparation for the informal European Council meeting to be held in Bratislava in September.

Ahead of the meeting with Ms Merkel, Mr Löfven says:

"As leaders of EU Member States we have to show the public that our cooperation is sufficiently robust to cope with the common challenges we are facing in the way that they expect of us. We must tackle unemployment, especially youth unemployment, and create more jobs and fair conditions in the European labour market. We have to pursue an ambitious climate change and environmental policy, and all EU Member States must take responsibility for the refugees making their way to Europe."

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive US Vice President Joe Biden

Published 13 August 2016 Updated 24 August 2016

Updated version. On Thursday 25 August, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Vice President of the United States Joe Biden.

Current bilateral and international issues as well as global challenges will be discussed at the meeting. A key agenda point for both the US and Sweden is the issue of global responsibility for migration and refugees.

Sweden and the United States have close and good relations, which was manifested not least by the Nordic-American Summit in Washington in May. The meeting in Stockholm is important for continuing to deepen the already broad cooperation with the US.

"I look forward to welcoming Vice President Joe Biden to Sweden. The relations between Sweden and the US have rarely been as good as they are now, and I see his visit as an expression of this," says Mr Löfven.

More detailed information about the programme will be provided as the date of the visit approaches.

Programme for the visit

Wednesday 24 August

Vice President Joe Biden arrives in Sweden late in the evening.
Photo opportunity.

Thursday 25 August

Morning. Mr Löfven receives Vice President Biden in the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

Talks.

Photo pool.

Lunchtime. Joint press conference with the Prime Minister and the Vice President.

Details of assembly times and places will be sent to accredited media.

Press credentials are required.

Media accreditation

Media representatives need special accreditation from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to cover the visit. The last day to apply for accreditation is 12 noon on Tuesday 23 August.

Accreditation application



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister has spoken with UK Prime Minister Theresa May

Published 10 August 2016 Updated 10 August 2016

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven spoke today by phone with UK Prime Minister Theresa May.

Mr Löfven began by congratulating Ms May on her appointment as Prime Minister.

Both leaders emphasised the importance of continuing to develop the good bilateral relations between our countries.

Regarding the negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU, Mr Löfven stressed that the UK should not wait too long before invoking Article 50, but that he understands and respects that it needs time to make preparations.

Mr Löfven also stressed that the UK's access to the single market is contingent upon its acceptance of all the EU's four freedoms, including freedom of movement for people.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Serbia

Published 10 August 2016 Updated 10 August 2016

On 15–16 August, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Belgrade for talks with Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić and President Tomislav Nikolić. The talks will focus on growth and migration issues, European cooperation, development in the region and how relations between the two countries can be developed.

In connection with the visit, Mr Löfven will also take part in a breakfast meeting with Serbia's Minister of Economy and a number of Swedish companies represented in Serbia.

"Cooperation with the EU is the most effective way to bring about positive democratic, economic and political development in the region," says Mr Löfven.

For more information about the programme, please contact Press Secretary Erik Nises.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Jordan

Published 05 August 2016 Updated 05 August 2016

On Sunday 14 August, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Jordan for discussions on the refugee situation and other current regional issues. On Monday 15 August, Mr Löfven will have talks with Jordan's Prime Minister Hani Mulki, visit refugee camps with the responsible UN organisations and take part in a seminar on job creation for young people.

Jordan is one of the countries in the world that has received the most immigrants from Syria. Sweden is pushing for greater efforts to create jobs for these refugees in neighbouring countries such as Jordan and to enable displaced children to attend school. Sweden's contribution to the Syria crisis is extensive, including financial support to the region amounting to SEK 1.7 billion over a five-year period and SEK 2.2 billion in humanitarian aid to date.

Prior notification of attendance is required **via email** to Press Secretary Erik Nises no later than 8 August. For more information on the programme, and for questions about visas and logistics, please contact Erik Nises.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Changes in the Press Department at the Prime Minister's Office

Published 15 June 2016 Updated 15 June 2016

Helena Hellström Gefwert will take up her post as Deputy Head of Press Department at the Prime Minister's Office, replacing former Deputy Head of Press Department, Adam Bergsveen. Ms Gefwert was previously Press Secretary to former Minister for Climate and the Environment Åsa Romson.

Anne Ekberg, formerly Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, will take up her post as Deputy Head of Press Department at the Prime Minister's Office and, when necessary, will assume the role as acting Head of Press Department.

Ingela Nilsson is the new Press Secretary to Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. Ms Nilsson previously served as Press Secretary to Minister for Rural Affairs Sven-Erik Bucht.

"These changes will enable us to develop the coordination of our media efforts at the Prime Minister's Office and enhance our service to the media," says Head of Press Department Odd Guteland.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to host refugee summit with President Obama

Published 03 June 2016 Updated 03 June 2016

Today, the U.S. Government announced that Sweden will co-host the Leaders' Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis, initiated by President Barack Obama. The Summit, to be held in New York in September, aims to work for a global division of responsibility for the world's refugee situation. Sweden was invited to participate as a co-host, together with Canada, Ethiopia, Germany, Jordan and Mexico.

"It became clear following the US-Nordic Leaders' Summit in Washington that the US would like to see Sweden as one of the co-hosts of the Summit. This is recognition of the line that the Government is pursuing – that responsibility for the refugee situation in the world is global," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The summit, to be held on 20 September, will be hosted by President Barack Obama, together with the heads of state or government from the co-hosting states.

"I am pleased to have strong allies in the struggle to ensure that more countries contribute to helping the 60 million people who have been forced to flee; it cannot be the responsibility of only a few countries to offer protection and help," says Mr Löfven.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive Chilean President Michelle Bachelet

Published 09 May 2016 Updated 10 May 2016

On Tuesday 10 May, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Chilean President Michelle Bachelet for talks at Rosenbad. They will meet to discuss free trade, UN policy, human rights, climate change and gender equality. They will also talk about the dialogue between social partners around the world to improve working conditions, productivity and the development of society.

On 10–12 May 2016, Chilean President Michelle Bachelet will pay a State Visit to Sweden at the invitation of His Majesty the King. This is the first State Visit by a Chilean president to Sweden.

Programme points 10 May:

14.00 The Prime Minister receives the President at Rosenbad

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven when President Michelle Bachelet arrives at Rosenbad. Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Talks. Photo pool – meeting room.

Signing of cooperation agreement. Photo pool – meeting room.

15.25 Press conference, Rosenbad

Mr Löfven and Ms Bachelet hold a joint press conference in Bella Venezia,

Rosenbad.

The press conference will be held in English and webcast live on www.regeringen.se

Advance registration

Advance registration and/or application for a place in the photo pool is required.

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Advance registration/application for place in photo pool



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Joint statement by High-Level Group in support of implementation of 2030 Agenda

Published 21 April 2016 Updated 16 June 2016

(New version) The heads of state and government who last year formed an informal High-Level Group to maintain political support at the top level for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda adopted a joint statement today. This statement to today's meeting on the 2030 Agenda in the UN General Assembly sends a joint message about the importance of leadership and involving civil society in the work of achieving the Global Goals.

"Implementing the 2030 Agenda and its Global Goals for sustainable development is crucial if we are to improve people's lives and at the same time protect our planet. I have convened an informal group of heads of state and government from all around the world who have begun their national efforts to achieve the Goals, and we are now urging others to begin implementation," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Joint statement on the occasion of the general assembly meeting on implementation of the 2030 agenda in New York on 21 april 2016:

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is our common undertaking for the future of our people, our planet and our prosperity. This agenda is the result of global consultations and the goals translate the aspirations of the

people around the world. It will be truly transformative for our world if it is implemented effectively and universally.

We, members of the informal High-Level Group in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, are convinced that political leadership, partnership and responsibility at the highest level are necessary to achieve all the sustainable development goals by 2030. Through such commitment we can empower our societies to pull together efforts at all levels and across all sectors.

Aware of our responsibility in implementing the 2030 Agenda at all levels, our governments are already engaged in this process, and we call upon others to join us. The SDGs can only be achieved with effective policies and action at all levels being geared towards their implementation, and through a strong global partnership. While taking into account national and regional challenges and priorities, we believe that national strategies for implementation must focus on a comprehensive approach to the entire integrated Agenda with full recognition of the synergies among its goals and targets. The 2030 Agenda must form an integral part of the overarching political program of each country. Global implementation requires broad consultation, engagement and partnership with all stakeholders - civil society, the private sector, trade unions and academia. Everyone needs to do their share.

As a group, we are committed to lead by example and do our part. We have started to carry out concrete actions to ensure that this global vision is effectively put into motion. In our countries, consultations with stakeholders are being held, goals and indicators are being analysed. Sustainable development strategies and implementation plans have already been or are being developed on national and local levels. Some of us have launched the national implementation work through broad conferences; some have formed national secretariats or steering committees, while others have appointed multi-stakeholder committees to spur implementation efforts. We are also engaged in conversations with our peers - leaders of other countries - sharing experiences and learning from each other. We engage in regional workshops and dialogues on implementation.

We look forward to continued exchange with all our colleagues on how to make national and local implementation effective, transformative and irreversible, as well as on how to best mobilise the necessary means of implementation. We have made a personal pledge to embody the required leadership and encourage all other leaders to join us in this commitment and

to leave no one behind.

Members of the High-Level Support Group:

HE President Dilma Rousseff (Brasil)

HE President Juan Manuel Santos (Colombia)

HE Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel (Germany)

HE President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia)

HE President Jacob Zuma (South Africa)

HE Prime Minister Stefan Löfven (Sweden)

HE President John Magufuli (Tanzania)

HE Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araújo (Timor-Leste)

HE President Beji Caid Essebsi (Tunisia)



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to receive UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Published 24 March 2016 Updated 24 March 2016

On Wednesday 30 March, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for discussions. The agenda includes Syria, migration, the implementation of the Global Goals, gender equality, women's participation in peace processes, and humanitarian issues.

In connection with this visit, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will also hold the annual lecture in memory of Dag Hammarskjöld, which is being jointly organised by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Uppsala University.

Invitation to press conference

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

Joint press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in Bella Venezia.

Language: English.

Admittance via Kopparporten, 16.00–16.20 for the photo opportunity and 16.40–17.00 for the press conference.

Prior notification of attendance is required via the International Press Centre at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

Press conference registration



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to attend Leaders Summit with President Obama

Published 18 March 2016 Updated 18 March 2016

President of the United States of America Barack Obama is to host a US-Nordic Leader Summit with the Prime Ministers of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Iceland, and the President of Finland. The summit will be held on 13 May at the White House in Washington D.C.

"The summit in Washington is important for relations between the Nordic region and the United States. For Sweden, it is a good opportunity to develop and deepen our already broad cooperation with the US," says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Current international issues and global challenges will be discussed at the summit. The aim is to deepen US-Nordic cooperation in areas concerning European security, transatlantic trade, and the promotion of democratic values.

In the evening of 13 May, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will host a State Dinner.

More information about the summit and press accreditation will follow in due course.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Latvian President Raimonds Vējonis

Published 08 January 2016 Updated 08 January 2016

On Monday 11 January, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Latvia's President Raimonds Vējonis for talks. The talks will focus on bilateral relations, the migration issue, the security policy situation in the neighbourhood and relations with Russia.

During his visit to Sweden, the Latvian President will also attend the Annual National Conference in Sälen, where he will meet the Minister for Foreign Affairs for talks. The President will also meet King Carl XVI Gustav at an audience at the Royal Palace on Monday afternoon. This will be Mr Vējonis's first visit to Sweden since entering office in July 2015.

Press programme 11 January

12.00 Prime Minister receives President Raimonds Vējonis at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 11.15. Photographers must be in place by 11.45.

12.05 Discussions

Photo pool – Rosenbad Guest Dining Rooms.

Please bring your press credentials.

Obligatory registration for the press briefing to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin via e-mail.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Sweden and Afghanistan begin negotiations on readmission agreement

Published 04 December 2015 Updated 08 December 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven met today with President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan.

Mr Löfven and Mr Ghani spoke about the difficult security situation in Afghanistan. They also spoke about the challenge – to both countries – presented by the increased number of Afghan asylum-seekers coming to Sweden. The number of unaccompanied minors was highlighted. Mr Löfven and Mr Ghani agreed that there was a need to strengthen cooperation on the refugee situation. Negotiations will therefore be initiated on an agreement to ensure the efficient readmission of those whose asylum applications have been rejected.

"Many of the refugees who come to Sweden are from Afghanistan, and many of these are unaccompanied minors. This year, some 20 000 minors, primarily young men, have come to Sweden from Afghanistan. This is a serious challenge for both our countries. Today, we have agreed to begin negotiations on a readmission agreement. An agreement of this kind will facilitate the return of those who are not granted asylum in Sweden," says Mr Löfven.

In close dialogue with Afghanistan, Sweden will also continue to try to improve the social and economic conditions in the country through development cooperation. This will allow us to create conditions so that people do not feel compelled to flee.

Sweden has extensive development cooperation with Afghanistan and also contributes to NATO's training mission to train and advise the Afghan forces.

Mr Ghani expressed appreciation for the extensive and long-standing Swedish contributions. A development cooperation agreement between Sweden and Afghanistan was also signed in connection with the meeting. The agreement covers regular consultations on matters such as respect for human rights, with particular regard for the situation of women and children.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven received President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan in Stockholm

Published 30 November 2015 Updated 30 November 2015

On Friday 4 December, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven received the President of Afghanistan, Ashraf Ghani, in Stockholm. They met to discuss topics including developments in Afghanistan, Swedish support and the international refugee crisis. A cooperation agreement between the two countries was also signed.

Invitation to press conference

Mr Löfven will receive President Ghani in the entrance to Rosenbad.
Photo opportunity.

Discussions.
Photo pool.

Signing of cooperation agreement.
Photo pool.

Joint press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President Ashraf Ghani in Bella Venezia Language: English.

The press conference will be webcast live on www.regeringen.se

To editorial offices

Special media accreditation obtained via the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is

required to follow the programme. Please apply to the International Press Centre at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs no later than 18.00 on 2 December.

Apply for accreditation

The assembly place and time for each programme point will be announced to the media representatives concerned.

Programme points, 4 December

During his visit to Sweden, President Ghani will also hold bilateral talks with Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström and Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist, and meet Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin. He will also meet Speaker of the Riksdag Urban Ahlin, and have a meeting with Crown Princess Victoria at the Royal Palace. He will also undertake a visit to the KTH Royal Institute of Technology.

Morning

Visit to the KTH Royal Institute of Technology.

Meeting with Speaker of the Riksdag Urban Ahlin.

Late morning

Bilateral talks between President Ghani and Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström.

Photo pool.

Afternoon

Bilateral talks between President Ghani and Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist.

Photo pool.

Crown Princess Victoria receives President Ghani at the Royal Palace.

Photo pool.

Mr Löfven receives President Ghani in the entrance to Rosenbad as above.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Sweden increases its contribution to climate change adaptation in the most vulnerable countries

Published 30 November 2015 Updated 30 November 2015

At the opening of the COP21 climate conference in Paris today, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will announce the Government's intention to provide an additional SEK 250 million in support for climate change adaptation to the poorest and most vulnerable developing countries. This contribution encompasses SEK 150 million to the Adaptation Fund and SEK 100 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund. For developing countries, financing for climate change adaptation is one of the most important issues in the negotiations.

Financing for climate change adaptation is extremely important, particularly for small island nations and least developed countries that are already forced to deal with the consequences of climate change. This support shows that Sweden is taking great responsibility and continuing to lead the way in support to the most vulnerable countries, says Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) observes that the effects of the climate-related extreme weather events of recent years, including heat waves, droughts, flooding, cyclones, and forest and brush fires, show how vulnerable and exposed societies and ecosystems really are. People living in poverty are particularly vulnerable. Preventive measures and adapting societies to climate change are crucial to save lives and safeguard opportunities to earn a living.

The Adaptation Fund offers support to measures to, for example, develop climate-resilient agricultural methods, warning systems and flood defences, and secure access to water, while the LDCF primarily focuses on supporting the least developed countries in preparing and implementing national action plans for climate change adaptation.

The support announced today supplements previous support from Sweden. Sweden is the largest per capita donor to the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility, and also contributes to climate financing in various developing countries via the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

COP21 in Paris begins today, 30 November, and is scheduled to continue until 11 December. Sweden's ambition is that the negotiations will result in a global, fair and legally binding climate agreement that over time helps keep global warming as far below two degrees as possible.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Sweden to open embassy in Tunisia

Published 06 November 2015 Updated 06 November 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven announced today that the Government will open an embassy in Tunisia. The news was presented during talks with Tunisian President Béji Caïd Essebsi, who is on a State Visit to Sweden.

“Tunisia is the North African country where the Arab Spring brought democracy, and the positive developments in the country continue to inspire. Reopening our embassy in Tunis will give us the opportunity to contribute to the country’s democratic consolidation on the ground and deepen our bilateral cooperation,” says Mr Löfven.

The previous embassy in Tunis was closed in 2001. Since then, a Stockholm-based Ambassador has been accredited. The aim of reopening the embassy is to strengthen trade promotion as well as to further develop the political dialogue and follow-up of efforts for human rights and democratic development.

The business sector would like to see a Swedish presence in Tunisia so as to promote trade and investment. At present, Swedish companies employ around 5 000 people in the country. The potential for increased Swedish exports is growing as the Tunisian market becomes more stable following the 2011 Jasmine Revolution. There is substantial interest in Swedish solutions and social models in Tunisia.

Sweden and Tunisia also share common challenges such as regional security policy issues and migration. The presence of an embassy will facilitate bilateral cooperation on these issues.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister receives Tunisian President Béji Caïd Essebsi

Published 03 November 2015 Updated 03 November 2015

On Thursday 5 November Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Tunisian President Béji Caïd Essebsi for talks on strengthening the bilateral relations between Sweden and Tunisia. Topics for discussion include increased trade and common challenges such as migration.

The President's talks with the Prime Minister are part of the Tunisian State Visit to Sweden on 4–6 November.

Programme points, 5 November

14.10

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Tunisian President Béji Caïd Essebsi at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 13.30. Photographers must arrive by 14.00.

14.15

Discussions.

Photo pool – Rosenbad Guest Dining Rooms.

14.50

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen the bilateral dialogue

in the areas of policies, economy and culture.

Photo pool – Rosenbad Guest Dining Rooms.

15.05

Press conference in Rosenbad, Bella Venezia

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President Béji Caïd Essebsi hold a joint press conference in Bella Venezia.

The press conference will be held in Swedish and Arabic and webcast live on www.regeringen.se.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 14.30.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration is required for the photo opportunity and press conference.
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Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive President of the European Council Donald Tusk

Published 02 November 2015 Updated 02 November 2015

On Wednesday 4 November, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President of the European Council Donald Tusk for bilateral talks. During the talks, Mr Löfven and Mr Tusk will discuss the refugee situation in Europe, the situation in Ukraine, the Eastern Partnership and other current EU issues.

Programme points, 4 November

13.00 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives President Donald Tusk at Rosenbad

Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 12.15. Photographers must arrive by 12.45.

13.15 Discussions

Photo pool – meeting room.

14.20 Press conference, Rosenbad

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and President Donald Tusk hold a joint press conference in Bella Venezia.

The press conference will be held in English and webcast live on www.regeringen.se.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 13.45.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration is required for the photo opportunity and press conference.
Please contact Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to attend Nordic Council in Reykjavik on 27–28 October

Published 27 October 2015 Updated 27 October 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will be in Reykjavik on 27–28 October for the annual session of the Nordic Council. His schedule includes meetings with the Nordic prime ministers, the Nordic Council Presidium and the three self-governing territories of Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Åland. Subjects including migration, climate, the environment and Syria will be on the agenda.

On Tuesday 27 October, the Prime Minister will take part in the award ceremony for the Nordic Council prizes.

While in Reykjavik, Mr Löfven will also attend a meeting of the Nordic and Baltic prime ministers, focusing on security policy cooperation in our neighbourhood.

In connection to the Nordic Council session, the Nordic–Baltic heads of government will also meet the Prime Minister of the UK within the Northern Future Forum.

Attending alongside Mr Löfven will be Minister for Strategic Development and Nordic Cooperation Kristina Persson, Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist, Minister for Climate and the Environment Åsa Romson, Minister for Culture and Democracy Alice Bah Kuhnke and Minister for International

Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin. For details of the respective programmes, please contact the relevant press secretaries.

Press briefings

Wednesday 28 October

11.15–11.45 Press conference with the Nordic prime ministers.

Venue: Harpa – Kaldalón

14.00–14.30 Press conference with the Nordic and Baltic prime ministers.

Venue: Harpa – Kaldalón



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Binational Commission Sweden-South Africa

Published 16 October 2015 Updated 16 October 2015

This weekend, Deputy President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa will arrive in Stockholm with a ministerial delegation and a number of business representatives. The reason for the visit is the Binational Commission (BNC) between Sweden and South Africa, which is meeting in Stockholm on 19–20 October 2015.

During his visit Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa will meet with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Deputy Prime Minister Åsa Romson, Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström and Minister for Strategy, Future Issues and Nordic cooperation Kristina Persson.

The Binational Commission meets every other year and is a platform for regular dialogue between the countries, intended to develop our relations in a broad sense. This year's meeting is the ninth.

The meeting will be hosted by Deputy Prime Minister Åsa Romson. The South African delegation will be led by Deputy President Ramaphosa, who will also meet several other Swedish government representatives and business leaders in the course of his visit.

“The Binational Commission is an important platform for Sweden's cooperation with South Africa and I look forward to constructive discussions with my South African colleagues,” says Ms Romson.

A new committee on environmental, water and energy issues is expected to be established at this year's meeting. This will create a space for cooperation

between Swedish agencies such as the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, the Swedish Chemicals Agency and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management and their South African counterparts. The intended purpose of the committee is to have constructive discussions on shared social challenges, where exchanges of knowledge and closer cooperation in the area can contribute to finding new solutions.

A special business delegation from South Africa is also on the trip to Stockholm. Its programme has been organised by Business Sweden and will offer opportunities for discussions with Swedish business representatives.



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to receive President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil in Stockholm

Published 16 October 2015 Updated 16 October 2015

On Monday 19 October, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive the President of Brazil, Dilma Rousseff, in Stockholm. They are meeting to discuss economic exchanges between Sweden and Brazil, climate and sustainability, and defence.

During her visit to Sweden, President Rousseff will also participate with Mr Löfven in a business forum and a meeting with representatives of the City of Stockholm. She will also go to see Norra Djurgårdsstaden and visit companies in Kista and Linköping.

Programme points, 19 October

09.30 Business Forum

Mr Löfven and Ms Rousseff address a business forum at Grand Hôtel.

10.00 Reception by the Prime Minister at Rosenbad

Mr Löfven and Ms Rousseff arrive at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity at the entrance.

Discussions.

Photo pool – meeting room.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström, Minister for Higher Education and Research Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Minister for Social Security Annika Strandhäll and Minister for Housing, Urban Development

and Information Technology Mehmet Kaplan will also take part in the discussions.

11.15 Press conference at Rosenbad

Mr Löfven and Ms Rouseff hold a joint press conference in Bella Venezia.

The press conference will be webcast live on www.regeringen.se.

Lunch at City Hall

The City of Stockholm hosts a lunch for Mr Löfven and Ms Rouseff at City Hall.

Photo pool.

15.50 Visit to Saab in Linköping

Ms Rouseff and Mr Löfven visit Saab in Linköping.

Advance registration

Advance registration and/or application for a place in the photo pool is required. Please register/apply via the International Press Centre at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs no later than 16.00 on 16 October. More detailed information about times and venues of meetings will be sent to media representatives concerned.

Advance registration/application for place in photo pool



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Press release: Sweden and Fiji take initiative to protect oceans

Published 26 September 2015 Updated 26 September 2015

The 17 global goals for sustainable development, including the goal on the sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources, have just been adopted in New York. Today, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, together with Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin and Fiji's Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, is announcing a joint initiative to push forward the implementation of this goal and ensure a follow-up system is put in place.

“The world’s oceans and seas are a unique resource under threat. One of the biggest reasons for their continued deterioration is a lack of resources and global coordination. This is a major challenge we are now addressing,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

“Healthy, thriving seas and oceans are fundamental to combating poverty and creating prosperity for millions of people. The deterioration of marine environments hits the poorest countries hardest. Fish are an important source of nutrition in many developing countries. Marine ecosystem services are crucial for our entire planet,” says Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin.

The initiative was taken during a meeting between Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin and Fiji's Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama. The first step will be to present a resolution to the General Assembly of the United Nations on how to implement the global goal on the sustainable use of oceans, seas and

marine resources. It is crucial that a system is put in place to ensure the goal is followed up and its implementation is advanced.

Our oceans are in serious trouble and this is a matter that knows no national borders. Since 1970, half of all marine fish and mammals have disappeared. Climate change, unsustainable fishing, ocean acidification and environmental pollutants are impacting marine ecosystems.

In the long term, unsustainable management of marine environments and their resources could become a threat to peace and security. For example, it is a question of survival for small island states, whose economic development is closely linked to the oceans and their resources.

Background

Goal 14 on oceans is one of the 17 sustainable development goals in the new global development agenda and focuses on conserving oceans, seas and marine resources. A resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations is necessary to bring about an inclusive international process for implementing goal 14.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Government to sign international cooperation agreement for workers' rights in the textile industry

Published 26 September 2015 Updated 26 September 2015

Sweden, Bangladesh and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) will sign a cooperation agreement at a meeting in New York today, aimed at improving the conditions of workers in the textile industry in Bangladesh and promoting union rights.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will participate, together with Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin, who will sign the agreement on behalf of Sweden. The project is part of *A Global Deal* – Mr Löfven's initiative to promote better conditions for workers throughout the world.

“It is in everyone's interests that union rights are respected and decent working conditions upheld. The workers win more influence and participation in their workplace. Employers get better qualified staff and can increase their productivity. Society escapes costs for ill health, fatalities and social conflicts. It's a matter of making sure that competition takes place on equal terms and human rights are respected,” says Mr Löfven.

“We are proud to be working with Bangladesh and the ILO to strengthen workers' rights in a vulnerable industry in which 80 per cent of those employed are women. This project will put women in a stronger economic position and improve their working conditions,” says Ms Lövin.

The project will involve an investment of SEK 45 million, to be funded by Sweden and implemented by the ILO between 2015 and 2020. It is expected to result in better dialogue between employers and employees, and better negotiating and dispute resolution mechanisms in the labour market. Four million people work in the textile industry, the overwhelming majority of whom are women. Their interests will be at the heart of the project.

Other participants in the signing ceremony are Secretary Mikhail Shipar of the Ministry of Labour and Employment of Bangladesh and ILO Director-General Guy Ryder, who welcomes the project as a very valuable contribution.

A Global Deal will be discussed in New York in the presence of the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, the Director-General of the ILO and the Secretary-General of the OECD. The discussion will focus on how states, trade unions, employers and international organisations can take joint responsibility for promoting good working conditions.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Swedish Government initiates High-Level Group in UN

Published 25 September 2015 Updated 25 September 2015

World leaders are meeting in New York today to adopt 17 global Sustainable Development Goals, which are to be achieved by 2030.

The true test of the entire 2030 Agenda and the global goals is not the adoption of the goals, but that they are implemented throughout the world. The importance of maintaining strong political momentum to realise the new goals cannot be overstated.

The Swedish Government has therefore taken the initiative to start a High-Level Group consisting of nine leaders from various parts of the world to ensure that the 17 global goals and the 2030 Agenda are implemented at all levels of society.

The High-Level Group will work in various ways to promote exchange of experience and discussions on challenges and solutions between governments, civil society, the private sector and international organisations.

Through personal discussions with other world leaders, the High-Level Group will contribute to far-reaching and genuine commitment to implementing the global goals and the 2030 Agenda.

The following are members of the High-Level Group:

- Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff
- Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos
- Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- Sweden's Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

- South Africa's President Jacob Zuma
- Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete
- Germany's Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel
- Tunisia's President Beji Caid Essebsi
- Timor-Leste's Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araújo



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven takes part in EU summit on refugee crisis

Published 23 September 2015 Updated 23 September 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is taking part in an extraordinary EU summit between heads of state and government today, Wednesday 23 September in Brussels. The main point of the discussion will be combating the underlying factors causing people to flee. The EU must do more to help resolve the ongoing conflicts and to help people on the ground.

One issue to be particularly addressed is how the EU and its Member States can contribute more to UN humanitarian operations in Syria and neighbouring areas.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Austria

Published 17 September 2015 Updated 17 September 2015

On Friday 18 September, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to Austria for talks with Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, German Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel and European Parliament President Martin Schulz.

The topics for discussion will include the refugee crisis and issues of common interest on the European agenda concerning the labour market and growth.

On Saturday 19 September, Mr Löfven will meet Messrs Faymann and Gabriel and the chairs of the Swedish, Austrian and German trade union confederations to discuss the work to ensure decent conditions in the European labour market.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister receives President of European Parliament

Published 14 September 2015 Updated 14 September 2015

On Monday 14 September, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz in Stockholm for discussions on the international refugee crisis. After the meeting they will hold a joint press briefing.

Time and place:

13.00 Bella Venezia, Rosenbad. The press conference will be held in English.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Austria's Federal Chancellor in Stockholm

Published 08 September 2015 Updated 08 September 2015

Today, Tuesday 8 September, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Austria's Federal Chancellor Werner Faymann for a meeting on the international refugee crisis.

Press programme 8 September

17.30 Prime Minister Löfven welcomes Federal Chancellor Werner Faymann on his arrival at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

17.35 Bilateral talks. Rosenbad Dining Room.

Photo pool.

18.15 Press conference at Bella Venezia, Rosenbad

The press conference will be held in German and Swedish and will be interpreted.

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 16.45. Photographers taking part in the photo opportunity and the photo pool must be in place by 17.15. Other journalists attending the press conference must be in place by 18.00.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to: dan.lundqvist.dahlin@regeringskansliet.se



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to meet with Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel

Published 07 September 2015 Updated 07 September 2015

In light of the international refugee crisis, Sweden's Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and Germany's Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel will meet in Berlin on Tuesday 8 September.

“A plan is urgently needed for how Europe is to deal with the international refugee crisis. Sweden, Germany and a small number of other countries have long been alone in bearing their full responsibility. This situation is untenable. All EU countries must now resolutely stand up for human dignity and do their duty in this challenging time,” says Mr Löfven.

After the meeting, Mr Löfven and Ms Merkel will hold a joint press conference.

Time and place:

Tuesday 8 September at 13.00. Admission for media 12.15

The German Federal Chancellery
Willy-Brandt-Straße 1, Berlin

Then Mr Löfven will be available for Swedish media at Sweden's Embassy in Berlin.

Tuesday 8 September at 13.45–14.15

Embassy of Sweden

Rauchstraße 1, Berlin

Accreditation and advance registration should be submitted to Carl Michael Gräns, Press Counsellor at Sweden's Embassy in Berlin, no later than 13.00 on Monday 7 September, email carl-michael.grans@gov.se



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of the Environment,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Government to take part in global summit and UN General Assembly

Published 02 September 2015 Updated 10 September 2015

Reminder. Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström, Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin and Minister for Climate and the Environment Åsa Romson will take part in the opening of the General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in late September.

This year, the week will begin with the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit. On 25–26 September, the new global Sustainable Development Goals, that are to replace the Millennium Development Goals, will be adopted by all UN Member States in the presence of representatives of civil society organisations and enterprises. Mr Löfven will give an address at the Summit, take part in seminars and roundtable discussions and hold bilateral meetings with other heads of government. Directly following the Summit, the General Assembly will open the General Debate of the 70th session since the United Nations was founded. Mr Löfven will deliver a speech on Swedish priorities in the UN and participate in panel debates on UN peacebuilding operations.

President Barack Obama, Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel and Pope Francis will also take part during the week.

Mr Löfven and Ms Lövin will be at the UN on 25–30 September. Ms Wallström will be in New York between 25 September and 3 October. Ms

Romson will take part in the Summit on 25–27 September.

Press briefing

Ahead of the Swedish delegation's trip to the Summit and the UN General Assembly, we will hold a press briefing, where State Secretary Hans Dahlgren and State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Annika Söder and others will describe the Government's objective for the trip and the programme.

Time: Thursday 17 September at 16.00.

Venue: Rosenbad

Registration (required) to the press briefing via Dan Lundqvist Dahlin:
dan.lundqvist.dahlin@regeringskansliet.se

Accreditation

Accreditation for the Summit closes on 9 September.

Information on accreditation is available on the following web page:
<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/UNGA70.shtml>

For questions about accreditation, please contact Jeanette Mattsson, Press and Communication Officer at Sweden's Permanent Representation at the UN: jeanette.mattsson@gov.se, tel: 001 212 583 2591.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to receive Jordanian Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour

Published 21 August 2015 Updated 21 August 2015

On Tuesday 25 August, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Jordanian Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour for bilateral discussions.

A photo opportunity for the media will be arranged during the visit.

Press programme 25 August

11.30 Prime Minister Stefan Löfven welcomes Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour on his arrival at Rosenbad. Photo opportunity.

11.35 Bilateral talks. Rosenbad Dining Room.

Photo pool

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 10.45. Photographers must arrive by 11.15.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Stefan Löfven to receive Marshall Islands President Christopher J. Loeak

Published 21 August 2015 Updated 21 August 2015

On Tuesday 25 August, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Marshall Islands President Christopher J. Loeak for bilateral talks on issues including the challenges of climate change and what is needed for sustainable development.

A photo opportunity for the media will be arranged during the visit.

President Loeak will visit Sweden on 23–27 August to take part in *World Water Week*, which is being organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI).

In connection with his visit, President Loeak will have discussions with Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström in addition to the bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Löfven.

Press programme 25 August

10.30 Prime Minister Löfven receives President Loeak on his arrival at Rosenbad. Photo opportunity.

10.35 Bilateral talks. Rosenbad Dining Room.

Photo pool

Enter via Kopparporten, Rosenbad, from 09.45. Photographers must arrive

by 10.15.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin



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Press release

High level meeting on free movement and preventing social dumping

Published 24 June 2015 Updated 24 June 2015

Prime Ministers Charles Michel (Belgium), Xavier Bettel (Luxembourg), Mark Rutte (the Netherlands) and Stefan Löfven (Sweden) will host a roundtable discussion in Brussels on 25 June, on the topics of free movement, fair competition and decent work in the EU.

The free movement of goods and services and the right of every EU citizen to work anywhere in the European Union are unique, and hold exceptional potential for social and economic prosperity.

However, there is a need to ensure that gains from free movement are not offset by back-tracking with regard to working conditions and employee rights, which could result in situations where employees are being remunerated differently for carrying out the same work at the same European workplace.

The round table discussion will provide input to the Commission's Mobility Package later this year.

Participants include: Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
Werner Faymann, Chancellor of Austria
Bohuslav Sobotka, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President of the European Commission
Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner
European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
Confederation of European Business (BusinessEurope)

There will be a photo opportunity when the participants enter the meeting. After the discussion the Prime Ministers will be available for questions from media. (Doorstep)

Venue: Résidence Palace, 155 rue de la Loi, Brussels.

Time: 25 June, 11.00 photo opportunity, 12.00 doorstep No accreditation is needed. Security measures from approximately 13 pm with restricted access to the Schuman area.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Congratulations from Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

Published 15 June 2015 Updated 15 June 2015

“Today, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Princess Madeleine and Mr Christopher O’Neill, who have once again become parents. We share in the joy of the parents and of older sister Leonore,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

HeForShe to be launched in Sweden

Published 15 June 2015 Updated 15 June 2015

On Thursday 18 June, there will be a national launch of the United Nations HeForShe campaign. In connection with the launch, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will host a seminar on the topic 'What responsibility do men have for greater equality between women and men?'.

This will be discussed by leading representatives of the UN, the business sector, trade unions, civil society and responsible ministers.

Media representatives are welcome to the seminar. After the seminar there will be time for questions.

Time: 18 June, 10.30-12.00.

Place: Rosenbad Conference Centre.

Admittance for media via the Kopparporten entrance, Rosenbad, 09.30–10.10. Please bring your press credentials. Registration required via Anne Ekberg.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to receive Colombia's President

Published 12 June 2015 Updated 12 June 2015

On Monday 15 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos for talks about the peace process in Colombia, trade relations and international cooperation.

At 17.00, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will welcome President Juan Manuel Santos at the entrance to Rosenbad. Photo opportunity.

Admittance of photographers via Kopparporten, 16.15–16.45.

Bilateral talks in the Guest Dining Rooms at Rosenbad. Photo pool.

18.05 Press conference with Stefan Löfven and Juan Manuel Santos at Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

Admittance via Kopparporten, 17.30–17.55.

The press conference will be held in English.

Registration required via email to Anne Ekberg. Please bring press credentials.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven receives Juha Sipilä, Finland's newly elected Prime Minister

Published 05 June 2015 Updated 05 June 2015

On Monday 8 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipilä. They will discuss bilateral, European and international issues, including competitiveness and growth in the EU, and developments in our neighbourhood.

Press programme 8 June

17.00: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven welcomes Prime Minister Juha Sipilä on his arrival at Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

17.30: Bilateral talks. Rosenbad Dining Room.

Photo pool.

18.00: Joint press conference with the Prime Ministers.

Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

The press conference will be held in English.

Admittance to the photo opportunity and photo pool via the Kopparporten entrance, Rosenbad 16.00–16.50.

Admittance to the press conference via the Kopparporten entrance, Rosenbad 17.15–17.50.

Please bring your press credentials.

Advance registration is required. Please register to Dan Lundqvist Dahlin.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to meet French President François Hollande in Paris

Published 02 June 2015 Updated 02 June 2015

During the afternoon today, Tuesday 2 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet French President François Hollande in Paris for bilateral talks. Mr Löfven will then meet Prime Minister Manuel Valls.

In the evening, Mr Löfven will take part in joint talks with Prime Minister Valls, Vice Chancellor of Germany Sigmar Gabriel and Federal Chancellor of Austria Werner Faymann.

They will discuss European issues, including growth-promoting measures such as trade and fair conditions on the labour market.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven will meet with Prime Minister Manuel Valls in Paris

Published 01 June 2015 Updated 01 June 2015

On Tuesday 2 June in the afternoon, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet with Prime Minister of France Manuel Valls in Paris.


Prime Minister Löfven will then take part in joint talks with Prime Minister Valls, Vice Chancellor of Germany Sigmar Gabriel and Federal Chancellor of Austria Werner Faymann.

They will discuss European issues, including growth-promoting measures such as trade and fair conditions on the labour market.

Prime Minister Löfven and Prime Minister Valls will also discuss the climate challenge.

There will be a photo opportunity in connection with the meeting with Prime Minister Valls. Accreditation is required.

To register photographers for the Valls and Löfven photo opportunity tomorrow, the following contact information applies:

Telephone: +33 1 42 75 50 78/79 and +33 1 42 75 80 15 

Email: communication@pm.gouv.fr



Press release

Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete to visit Sweden

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On Wednesday 3 June, Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete will arrive in Stockholm for a visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

Programme points include an audience with HM The King and talks with the Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Information Technology. President Kikwete will also have lunch talks with the Speaker of the Riksdag and will visit Karolinska Institutet, Sida and Business Sweden.

The programme will have a special focus on promoting trade relations between Tanzania and Sweden, especially in the areas of ICT, energy, and infrastructure. The agenda for the visit also includes development cooperation, and domestic policy and regional development in Tanzania's neighbourhood.

Photo opportunity

17.15: Prime Minister Löfven receives President Kikwete at the entrance to Rosenbad. Photo opportunity.

17.20: Bilateral talks. Rosenbad Dining Room. Photo pool.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten between 16.45 and 17.00. Please bring your press credentials.

Please notify Dan Lundqvist Dahlin if you wish to attend.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to meet India's President Pranab Mukherjee

Published 28 May 2015 Updated 28 May 2015

On Monday 1 June, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet India's President Pranab Mukherjee at Rosenbad.

At the meeting they will discuss cooperation between Sweden and India, including conditions for greater exchange in the areas of trade and science. India's growing demand concerning issues such as innovation, urban development and sustainable development will also be discussed. Global challenges and multilateral cooperation are other areas to be addressed at the meeting.

Programme points:

11.10 Prime Minister welcomes President Mukherjee at the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten 10.30–10.50.

Bilateral talks. Rosenbad Dining Room.

Photo pool.

12.20 The meeting will be followed by a doorstep media opportunity with Prime Minister Löfven and Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg at the entrance to Rosenbad.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten 11.45–12.10.

Background briefing with journalists ahead of the Indian State Visit on 29 May

Ahead of the State Visit, a background briefing for media will be held by Hans Dahlgren, State Secretary for Foreign and EU Affairs to Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, and Oscar Stenström, State Secretary to Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Mikael Damberg.

When: Friday 29 May at 10.00 at Rosenbad.

Registrations to be sent to Press Secretary Anne Ekberg no later than 8.00 on 29 May.

Accreditation is required for other State Visit programme points. Interested media not yet accredited for the State Visit are welcome to contact Boel Lindbergh at the MFA International Press Centre:



Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Sweden Joins the Fight against Anti-Semitism with Solidarity Sabbath and the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice

Published 22 May 2015 Updated 25 May 2015

“There must be no place for anti-Semitism in Sweden, Europe or the rest of the world. The Swedish Government is strongly committed to the fight against anti-Semitism in Sweden as well as abroad. Anti-Semitism, like all forms of intolerance and xenophobia, is ultimately a threat to the entire system of values underpinning democratic societies,” says Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The Solidarity Sabbath and Tom Lantos

The Solidarity Sabbath is an international initiative aimed at demonstrating support for threatened Jewish communities and promoting the advancement of the fundamental rights of freedom of religion, conscience and belief.

Tom Lantos was one of thousands of Hungarian Jews rescued by Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg during the Nazi occupation of Hungary. Following his rescue, Lantos worked for Wallenberg delivering Swedish Passports to Hungarian Jews. Lantos immigrated to the United States and was elected to Congress. The Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice was established to perpetuate Tom Lantos' legacy as champion for

human rights.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to receive Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas

Published 20 May 2015 Updated 25 May 2015

On Wednesday 27 May, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will receive Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas for bilateral talks.

The heads of government are expected to discuss bilateral relations between Sweden and Estonia, the security situation in the region and current EU issues, including developments in Ukraine.

Press programme 27 May

12.00: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven receives Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas, entrance to Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity.

Photographers enter via Kopparporten from 11.00. Please arrive by 11.45.

13.05: Joint press conference with the Prime Ministers.

Bella Venezia, Rosenbad. Language: English

Enter via Kopparporten from 12.15.

Please bring your press credentials.

Registration required via email to: Dan Lundqvist Dahlin



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister to attend Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga

Published 15 May 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

On 21–22 May, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will be one of the 28 EU leaders attending the Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga along with the leaders of the partnership countries, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven's visit to Riga

21 May

Accreditation is required for the Eastern Partnership Summit (see below).

Approx. 15.50

Prime Minister arrives at the Summit in Riga.

Doorstep interview on arrival at the Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel.

Address: Kugu Iela 24, Riga.

Application for entry to the hotel closes on 19 May. Apply to:

felix.andersson@gov.se.

19.40

Arrival at the Blackheads' House; dinner for the EU's 28 leaders and the Eastern Partnership leaders.

Latvian President Andris Bērziņš welcomes leaders.

Photo opportunity.

The bus for media representatives departs for the Blackheads' House at 18.00 from the media centre at the National Library.

22 May

9.00

Opening of the Eastern Partnership Summit at the National Library of Latvia.

Doorstep interview on arrival at the National Library.

Approx. 14.30

Press briefing with the Prime Minister, National Library of Latvia.

Accreditation

Accreditation is required for the Eastern Partnership Summit.

- Applications must be made by 20 May via:

More information is available in the attached Media Guide and Media Programme.

As you will see from the Media Programme, media representatives will be divided into a number of pools for the various media activities during the Summit (doorsteps, handshakes, etc). All journalists wishing to be included in the pools must register via press@es2015.lv. The deadline for registration is Tuesday 19 May at 12.00. Please note that for security reasons the number of places in each pool is limited. Please note, also, that this registration is separate from the accreditation required for the actual Summit.

Background briefing

A background briefing for media representatives will be held at Rosenbad ahead of the Summit. State Secretary Hans Dahlgren will be among those attending.

The briefing will take place on Wednesday 20 May at 15.00. If you would like to attend, please send an email to:
dan.lundqvist.dahlin@regeringskansliet.se by 19 May.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit the United States

Published 20 March 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will be in New York on 30 March to give an opening address at a meeting on decent work for all at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He will also meet with UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson.

In Washington on 31 March, the Prime Minister is scheduled to meet US Vice President Joseph Biden, and give an address at the Brookings Institution think tank on the challenges and opportunities presented by globalisation.

Ahead of the visit, media representatives are invited to attend a press briefing by State Secretary Hans Dahlgren on 23 March at 15.00–15.30. Please notify Anne Ekberg by 09.00 on 23 March if you wish to attend.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit China on 27–28 March

Published 20 March 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

The Prime Minister has been invited to participate in the Boao Forum for Asia in Hainan. He will also meet with China's President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang. In addition, Mr Löfven will meet representatives of the Swedish business community in Beijing, visit the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and participate in a ceremony to mark 65 years of diplomatic relations between China and Sweden.

A detailed programme will be published later.

Ahead of the visit, media representatives are invited to attend a press briefing by State Secretary Hans Dahlgren on 23 March at 11.30–12.00. Registration is required. To register, please email Anne Ekberg by 20 March.



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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to attend European Council meeting in Brussels

Published 17 March 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will be attending the European Council in Brussels on 19–20 March. The main items for discussion will be the design of an energy union, how Europe can speed up growth and employment, and developments in Ukraine.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Poland

Published 11 March 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit the Polish capital of Warsaw on 16 March for talks with Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz. Mr Löfven will also join specially invited guests in a discussion on the impact of gender equality on growth. A detailed programme for the visit and information about accreditation will be available closer to the visit.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven's visit to Warsaw

Accreditation is required for all programme points and will be issued by the Swedish Embassy in Warsaw. Times are preliminary.

14.30 Talks with Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz and Secretary of State for European Affairs Rafal Trzaskowski

16.00 Press briefing with Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz

16.30 Individual interviews

17.00 Discussion at the Embassy with specially invited Polish guests on the theme of gender equality for growth

Accreditation

Accreditation is required. Applications must be received no later than 10.00 on 13 March by the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland (for the

press briefing following the talks) and by the Swedish Embassy in Warsaw (for any interviews in connection with the discussion on gender equality).

A detailed press programme will be provided following registration.

For accreditation, please contact:

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Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland, Press Department
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Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Ukraine

Published 02 March 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

The Prime Minister will visit the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv on 10–11 March for talks with President Petro Poroshenko and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk on the situation in Ukraine and the country's reform efforts. Mr Löfven will also meet other government representatives, members of parliament and representatives of civil society organisations and the international community to discuss the political, economic and humanitarian situation. A detailed programme for the visit and information about accreditation will be available closer to the visit.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven's visit to Kyiv

Accreditation is required for all programme points and will be issued by the Swedish Embassy in Kyiv.

Tuesday 10 March

Guided tour of Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square)
Media representatives welcome.

Wednesday 11 March

Breakfast with young Ukrainian members of parliament and civil society representatives

Place: Residence of the Swedish Ambassador
Media representatives are welcome to attend at the opening of the meeting.

Speech at the Kyiv School of Economics
Media representatives welcome.

Meeting with Speaker of the Parliament Volodymyr Groysman
Place: Ukrainian Parliament in Kyiv, Verkhovna Rada
Possible photo opportunity.

Meeting with President Petro Poroshenko
Place: Presidential Palace in Kyiv
Possible photo opportunity.

Meeting with Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Finance Minister
Natalie Jaresko
Place: Presidential Palace in Kyiv
Possible photo opportunity.

Press conference with Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk
Place: Government Building in Kyiv

Time for individual interviews with Swedish media representatives
Place: Government Building in Kyiv

Meeting with Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Dzhemilev
Place: Residence of the Swedish Ambassador
Possible photo opportunity.

Meeting with representatives of the United Nations and humanitarian
organisations present in Donetsk and Luhansk
Place: Residence of the Swedish Ambassador

Time for individual interviews with Swedish media representatives
Place: Residence of the Swedish Ambassador in Kyiv

Accreditation

Accreditation is required. Applications must be received by the Swedish Embassy in Kyiv no later than 10.00 on 4 March.

A detailed press programme will be provided following registration.

Contact accreditation

Mr. Andreas Lenander
Swedish Embassy in Kyiv
+380 67 441 53 40
andreas.lenander@gov.se

Background briefing with journalists ahead of the visit to Kyiv

Swedish journalists are welcome to attend a background briefing ahead of the Ukraine visit on 6 March at 13.00–13.30, Rosenbad. To register for the background briefing, email Press Secretary Dan Lundqvist Dahlin: dan.lundqvist.dahlin@regeringskansliet.se no later than 11.00 on 5 March.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Published 20 February 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

On 25 February, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will travel to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The Prime Minister's trip to Berlin will also include visits to the startup lab 'Factory Berlin', the Berlin Wall and the Jewish Museum, and a walk along the historic route to 'Tunnel 57'. Mr Löfven will also meet with Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel.

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven's visit to Berlin

Wednesday 25 February

Accreditation is required for all programme points and is issued by the Swedish Embassy in Berlin.

12.00 Arrival at the Federal Chancellery, where Mr Löfven will be met by Chancellor Merkel.

Photo opportunity.

13.15 Press conference with Chancellor Merkel.

Venue: Federal Chancellery.

14.00 Visit to the Factory Berlin startup lab.

Media representatives welcome.

15.00 Mayor of Berlin Michael Müller (SPD) and Director of the Berlin Wall Foundation Prof. Dr Axel Klausmeier will arrive at the watchtower on Strelizer Strasse, to then walk the historic route to Tunnel 57, where Mr Ralph Kabisch, one of the men who helped dig the tunnel, will share his personal narrative.

The outdoor programme will be concluded by laying roses at the Berlin Wall Memorial at Ackerstrasse.

Photo opportunities will be provided during the outdoor activities.

16.00 Visit to the Jewish Museum.

Photo opportunity on arrival. Media representatives welcome.

17.00 Meeting with Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel at Willy-Brandt-Haus.

Potential photo opportunity.

Accreditation

Accreditation is required. Applications must be received by the Swedish Embassy in Berlin no later than 10.00 on 23 February.

The Embassy will arrange transportation for Swedish journalists between the programme points. A detailed press programme will be provided following registration.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister invites Mahmoud Abbas

Published 04 February 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven has invited Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to Sweden.

On 10 February, Mr Löfven and Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström will meet President Abbas to discuss bilateral relations, the peace process in the Middle East and how Sweden can contribute following its recognition of the State of Palestine.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 30–31 January

Published 28 January 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Löfven will attend the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union. The theme of the summit is “Year of the Women’s Empowerment and Development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063”.

Prime Minister Löfven will hold meetings with several of the participating 53 African Heads of State and Government. He will also visit a Volvo vocation school and a children’s home, and meet with human rights activists.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven attending World Economic Forum in Davos

Published 22 January 2015 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven is attending the World Economic Forum in Davos on 22–23 January.

The theme of this year's World Economic Forum is The New Global Context.

During his stay in Davos, Mr Löfven will focus on the potential of globalisation and how globalisation can create more jobs. He will also consider its challenges – such as growing inequality – which must be combated. Competition between countries and companies must not be achieved through increasingly lower wages and worsening conditions. Mr Löfven will also emphasise that gender equality is a core issue for the Government in both national and international work.

"First and foremost, I will pursue the issue of how we can use the potential offered by globalisation to create more jobs and increase growth. But my focus will also be on how we can build more equal and gender-equal societies. Over the past few decades we have seen how many countries have become increasingly unequal, and this is a trend that must be broken," says Mr Löfven.

Selected points from the Prime Minister's programme in Davos

Thursday 22 January 2015

14.45 (approx.) Press conference. Press representatives assemble at the middle entrance of the congress centre at

14.15, where they will be met by Ambassador Magnus Hartog-Holm.

17.05–17.25 Meeting with UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Angélique Kidjo.

18.05–18.25 Meeting with Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

20.00–22.00 Participation in seminar: The Future of Europe

Friday 23 January 2015

08.00–09.30 Press conference and panel discussion on the UN Women's HeForShe IMPACT 10X10X10 Initiative, with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador actress Emma Watson and others. Venue: Kirchner Museum, Ernst Ludwig Platz Promenade 82. NB. Obligatory notification of attendance is to be sent to: Marian.Satzman@havasww.com

11.30–12.00 Meeting with ILO Director-General Guy Ryder

12.30–14.00 Participation in Open Forum: Employment – Mind the Gap? Swiss Alpine School (SAMD).

17.45–18.15 Press conference – Media Leader briefing room, in the congress centre.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office

Stefan Löfven to meet Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi

Published 09 December 2014 Updated 17 May 2015

On Friday 12 December, Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi for lunch at Rosenbad. Ministers Margot Wallström, Ylva Johansson and Åsa Regnér will also be present.

Kailash Satyarthi was awarded the prize jointly with Malala Yousafzai for his struggle against the suppression of children and young people, against child labour and for the right of all children to education.

Date and time: Friday 12 December at 12.00.

Venue: Bella Venezia, Rosenbad.

Photo opportunity. Assembly for photographers at Bella Venezia at 11.30. Prior notification of attendance is obligatory.



Government Offices of Sweden

Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven to visit New York

Published 14 November 2014 Updated 17 May 2015

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will visit New York on 19–21 November to attend the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality Åsa Regnér will also attend.

In connection with his visit to the UN, the Prime Minister will also hold a number of meetings aimed at strengthening Sweden's relations with the UN.

During his time in New York Mr Löfven will also visit the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and Spotify, and speak about the Nordic Model at New York University.

Media representatives are welcome to participate in large parts of the programme.

Please note that prior notification and, in some cases, accreditation are required.