

Short Biography

Hans Lindblad, Director General

Born in Stockholm in 1960. Bachelor of Science in Economics, Stockholm University, in 1986. Licentiate degree in Economics, Stockholm University, in 1996. Doctor of Philosophy, Stockholm University, in 2010.

After the centre-right election victory in 2006, Hans Lindblad was appointed State Secretary with the responsibility for the Budget Bill at the Ministry of Finance. He left the ministry in February 2013 to take over as Director General of the Swedish National Debt Office, the central government financial manager. The Debt Office's assignments include managing central government cash and debt as well as providing state guarantees and loans. It is also responsible for the deposit insurance and investor protection schemes and handles government support for banks.

Hans Lindblad is also Chairman of Returpack Sverige AB and of the Expert Group for Public Economics (ESO), a government-appointed group that produces studies of future fiscal-policy and socio-economic challenges. He was during the Swedish presidency Chairman of Ecofin Budget, and before and after that Sweden's minister of that council.

Between 1986 and 1989, Hans Lindblad was an executive officer at the National Institute of Economic Research. Between 1989 and 1995, he was an executive officer at the Ministry of Finance. He then took a leave of absence for graduate studies and earned a Licentiate degree in economics focusing on empirical labor-market analysis.

Between 1997 and 2003, Hans Lindblad was head of a division and later Deputy Head of the Monetary Policy Department at the Riksbank, Sweden's central bank. In 2003, he was recruited by Anders Borg to the Conservative Parliamentary Secretariat, where he became Deputy Head of the Secretariat. He had not been politically active before that.

In 2010, Hans Lindblad publicly defended his doctoral thesis Essays on Unemployment and Real Exchange Rates.

As state secretary, Hans Lindblad was involved in processing seven state budgets. He was also one of the government representatives working to find a buyer for Saab Automobile.

Hans Lindblad succeeded Bo Lundgren as Director General of the Debt Office.