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SUMMARY

Experienced political advisor, team leader and project manager with a proven track record in public affairs, international development, and policy making. Skilled in strategic planning, project and partnership management, financial planning, and advocacy. Thematic expertise: climate and energy, human rights, and international development cooperation.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Chair & Board member, Green Forum, Stockholm

Jan 2018 - present

- Lead strategic decision-making for partnerships with green organisations in Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America; focus on green party development, democratic inclusion, citizen involvement, and youth engagement.
- Oversee yearly salary revisions for the general secretary.
- Serve as a sounding board to the general secretary regarding financial, recruitment, and programme-related matters.
- Lead the board's work, including agenda preparation, meeting management, and team building.

Delegation leader, Swedish delegation to the European Green Party, Stockholm/remote

May 2017 – present

- Coordinating the Swedish EGP delegation's work before, around and after EGP congresses. This includes organising and preparing pre-meetings, overseeing negotiations at CAS sessions, logistics planning together with the international secretary, and contact with other delegations.
- Responsible for ongoing contact with EGP office and committee representatives.

Member organisation coordinator & Executive committee member, Federation of Young European Greens, Brussels & Remote

Apr 2020 - May 2022

- Coordinated a network of 36 young green organisations across Europe.
- Facilitated dialogues, monitored regional network platforms, and led strategic planning, including budgeting.
- Moderated and facilitated various seminars, workshops, bilateral dialogues, regional network meetings with members of the European Parliament, grass root activists and NGO representatives.
- Introduced a new mapping system of the member organisations' needs, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the support we could provide as an umbrella organisation.

Members and voters relations & deputy international secretary, Swedish Green Party's parliamentary office, Stockholm

Feb - Nov 2018

- Managed communication channels during the 2018 parliamentary election campaign.
- Managed and answered phone calls, emails and letters being sent to the party.
- Supported members of parliament at events and debates, including speech preparation.
- Organised seminars, study trips, and supported local and regional Green party officials.
- Led the relationship with other Green parties and federations on a Nordic, European, and Global level.

International secretary, Swedish Young Greens, Stockholm

Feb 2017 - Feb 2020

- Supervised a team of seven committee members and led strategic planning and budgeting.
- Represented the organisation in public political debates about e. g. international development, trade, foreign policy, aid, security and defense.
- Organised international activities for members, including study trips to Brussels and policy development trainings.
- Coordinated cooperation with green youth organisations and federations on a Nordic, European and Global level.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PR & Public affairs advisor, Westander, Stockholm/London

Apr 2023 - present

- Advising clients on public affairs and press strategy, with the aim of ensuring successful participation in public debate, positive societal change and business success. This includes strategy drafting, stakeholder management and event planning.
- Specialised on clients within the renewable energy sector, mainly wind power (in Sweden and internationally).
- Developed a comprehensive platform for clients to oversee and monitor (onshore and offshore) wind power projects in Sweden, including tools for assessing the likelihood of project success and the incentives for investing in both greenfield and acquired projects.

- Represented the company at various exhibitions and conferences.

Programme manager, Sida, Stockholm

Sep 2020 - Mar 2023

- Managed grant support partnerships within EU-funded mechanisms for inclusive governance, gender equality and peace building in Afghanistan, securing Sida's ability to use the UNDP transfer window mechanism to channel funds into Afghanistan after the Taliban take-over.
- Orchestrated Sida's partnerships with the UN and the World Bank on climate security topics, securing Sida funds to the World Bank's FCV (Fragile, conflict-affected & violent settings) programme.
- Oversaw partnerships in areas of resilience, DRR, urban development, water, energy and biodiversity, as well as the WE4F (water and energy for food) challenge fund.
- Developed strategic communication plans for the MENA & peace units, increasing focus on strategic communication.
- Co-authored Sida's Multidimensional Poverty Analysis 2020.

Second secretary, Swedish Embassy in Albania, Tirana

Sep - Dec 2021

- Supported Albanian startups and youth businesses through the embassy's innovation challenge fund.
- Managed disaster risk reduction, transitional justice, and gender equality partnerships with Albanian governmental agencies and CSOs.
- Oversaw the Embassy's strategic planning process, leading planning days, workshops, and strategy drafting.

Student research consultant, Dutch defense ministry, Groningen

Jan - Jun 2020

- Conducted research on NATO's 'Enhanced Forward Presence' mission in Lithuania, on behalf of the Dutch defence ministry's CAI department.
- Analysed impact of information operations and hybrid warfare on Lithuanian citizens, focusing on mental resilience.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION & TRAINING COURSES

Uppsala University / University of Groningen — Master of Theology, International Humanitarian Action, 2019-2021

Uppsala University — Bachelor in Political Science and Economy, 2016-2019

Karlstad University — Courses in intercultural studies, 2017-2020

Vesper group — Hostile Environment Awareness Training, 2021

Folk & Försvar — Security & defense academy, 2018

Save the children Sweden — International aid academy, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- Uppsala University (2022): "Good Water Neighbours: Direct and indirect effects of community engagement on transboundary water cooperation in the Jordan river basin"
- University of Groningen (2020): "Mental resilience in Lithuania"
- Uppsala University (2019): "Vulnerabilities in a wetter world: a study on migration as an adaptation strategy to climate change"

Languages: Swedish (native), Swiss German (native), German (fluent), English (fluent), French (B2), Yoruba (A2)