

Maria Håkansson, CEO of Swedfund

Maria Håkansson is MD and CEO of Swedfund, the Swedish Government's Development Finance Institution. Swedfund's goal is to fight poverty through the creation of sustainable businesses in developing countries and thereby to contribute to Agenda 2030.

Maria Håkansson is a business-oriented executive with experience from finance, M&A, sales, digitalization and new business models. She has a strong track record in building sustainable businesses and a long experience from leading global multi-cultural teams.

Maria Håkansson has extensive experience from a variety of senior positions at Ericsson. Before joining Swedfund, she served as Vice President Internet of Things (IoT) at Ericsson, responsible for developing a new IoT platform, establishing new business models and ecosystems enabling operators to maximize the opportunity that IoT brings.

Maria Håkansson has 20 years' experience from the telecommunications industry:

- Vice President Internet of Things (IoT)
- Head of Industry Practices in Industry & Society unit
- Head of Commercial Management, Sourcing & Partnering for Ericsson's Northern Europe & Central Asia region.
- Vice President Finance, Sourcing & Commercial Support Market Unit Nordic & Baltics.
- Integration Director at Ericsson's business unit CDMA, USA.
- Head of Business Control and Director Strategic Business Development at Ericsson's Global Services business unit.

Maria has experience from developing business with new customer segments in her former roles as Head of IoT, VP Industry Practices, Head of Commercial Management, Sourcing & Partnering in Region Northern Europe & Central Asia as well as from her roles within M&A.

Her career began in the shipping industry with Frontline, moving on to the Scanmar Group of Companies in Manila, Philippines. She joined Ericsson in 1997, as Business Controller.

Maria Håkansson holds a Master of Science in Business Administration with a major in business control and accounting from University of Stockholm.