



## CURRICULUM VITAE for Mona Sahlin

**I am an experienced leader, communicator and negotiator with long-standing experience from cabinet positions, international affairs, labour market affairs, and civil society collaboration.**

**As member of parliament since 1982, as member of cabinet, as party leader, trade unionist, party activist and many others I have been exposed to and responsible for key political fields as the labour market, industry and private sector, gender affairs, migration and integration , rights issues, anti-racism and sustainable development as well as EU-affairs and UN-collaboration .**

**I benefit from excellent international networks in the fields of politics, administration, private sector and civil society. My managerial capacity is recognized. I have longstanding experience in dealing with complex matters and structures, and with change.**

**Management:** Leadership experience from large as well as smaller organizations and entities; from change processes and reform and in strategic processes, teamwork and team-building. Ability to lead in limited budget circumstances and to manage and take responsibility for large budgets in a resource efficient manner.

**Communication:** Outstanding communicator, lecturer and moderator. Excellent strategic communication skills and recognized ability in communicating in different and varied cultural environments, as well as in technically complicated fields.

**Topics of particular interest and knowledge:** labour market issues and labour standards, gender affairs, democracy, integration, anti-racism and anti-discrimination, industry and SMEs, globalization, developmental issues, poverty, energy and sustainable development.

### Professional experience

2007-2011	Party chair of the Social Democratic Party, Sweden
2006-2011	Member of Parliament; opposition leader
2004-2006	Minister for Sustainable Development, Energy, Housing
2002-2004	Minister for Democracy, Integration, Human Rights, Sports, Metropolitan Affairs and Gender Equality
1998-2002	Minister for Employment, Integration, Metropolitan Affairs, IT and Telecommunications

1998	Director for the Education Centre for the Social Democratic Youth, "Bommersvik"
1997-1998	Chair, European Year against Racism
1996-1998	Consultant and entrepreneur in communication and tv-journalism
1994-1995	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Gender Equality
1992-1994	Secretary General of the Social Democratic Party
1991-1992	Member of Parliament, Chair of the Committee on the Labour Market, Party spokesperson for Labour Market policies
1990-2011	Member of the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party
1990-1991	Minister, Ministry of Labour
1982-1990	Member of Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Working Hours
1973-1984	Elected member of the Boards of the Social Democratic Student Union and the Swedish Social Democratic Youth
1978-1982	Employed in the Union of Civil Servants and in the educational association "Brevskolan"

## Boards and other assignments

### Present

- President, Anna Lindh's Memorial Fund, 2011-
- Board member of the Expo Foundation against racist, right-wing extremist, anti-Semitic and totalitarian tendencies (founded by Stieg Larsson)
- Mentor for young professionals and politicians

Member of Save the Children, Sweden; Amnesty International; The Swedish Committee against Anti-Semitism.

### Earlier

- Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party
- Vice President, Socialist International
- Board of the Social Democratic Party
- Board of the Swedish Sports Confederation
- Board of the Olof Palme Memorial Fund
- Chair of the European Year against Racism
- Board of the Centre for Working Life
- Board of the Swedish Union of Tenants

- Board of Social Democratic Student Union, Social Democratic Youth
- Board of the Swedish Students' Association
- Guest lecturer at Stockholm University in political science and rhetoric

## Education

Baccalaureate 1976  
Language studies: English, Spanish  
Management and leadership studies

## Languages

Fluent in English. Basic knowledge in French and Spanish. Swedish mother tongue.

## Publications

Möjligheternas land: Min vision för Sverige (The country of opportunities – my vision for Sweden), 2010, Stockholm, Norstedts.

Tala så alla lyssnar och förstår: Retorikhandboken, medförfattare Lena Josefsson, (How to speak so people will listen and understand: The handbook of rhetorics, co-author Lena Josefsson) 2008, Hjalmarson och Högberg Bokförlag.

Med mina ord (In my own words), 1996, Rabén Prisma.

Gunnar och jag (Gunnar and me), Conversations with the legendary Minister for Finance, Gunnar Sträng, 1985.

## Others

Born in Sollefteå in 1957. Lives in Nacka, Stockholm County. Married to Bo Sahlin. Three children.

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