

Study tour to Sweden on Sustainable Development Goals, Green economy and energy efficiency, May 13-17, 2018

Draft agenda

Background

At the United Nations Sustainable Summit held in September 2015, 193 UN Member States adopted the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), operationalizing 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 specific targets. The Agenda commits all countries to work together to promote sustainable and inclusive socioeconomic growth and environmental protection for future generations, including women, children, and youth. The Government of Ukraine has adopted the SDGs and presented in 2017 a [National Baseline Report: 'Sustainable Development Goals: Ukraine'](#), where the country defines its own commitments towards achieving the goals, through nationally adopted targets and indicators, UNDP has worked closely with the Government of Ukraine in supporting this process.

Green economy is one of areas where the potential to achieve impact towards the SDGs is significant. The dimensions of green economy include aspects such as conservation on natural resources, increase of energy efficiency, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and making the sectors of the economy more competitive not only in economic, but also in ecological terms. Such recent developments as increasing energy prices towards consumers, emerging international environmental standards for production, and increasing awareness about consequences of environmental degradation create a momentum to act in the area of green economy. Further, ratification of the Paris agreement, adoption of the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, and recent signing of the Batumi Initiative by Ukraine, emphasize the commitment of the Government and the Parliament of Ukraine, and outline a pathway towards a greener development. Sustainable and smart cities, introduction and refinement of cleaner production technologies, circular economy and enhanced business climate for green business are some of the areas that are prioritized in this development agenda.

Purpose

The purpose of the study tour is to contribute to initiating dialogue between civil servants in Ukraine and in Sweden on challenges and potential solutions in the green economy and energy efficiency area, showcase good practices and initiate contacts for potential collaboration.

Arrangements

The study tour is arranged by UNDP Ukraine and SKL International (a part of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions).

Simultaneous interpretation to Ukrainian will be available throughout the whole study tour.

Your contact person for all matters related to the study tour is Sofia Avdeitchikova, Advisor on SDGs at UNDP Ukraine, sofia.avdeitchikova@undp.org, +380 50 381 34 90 or +46 730 55 00 16, who will be with you from your arrival to Stockholm airport to your departure from the hotel.

Preliminary agenda

Prel. Time	Meeting with	Purpose	Venue
Agreed individually	Transfer by taxi to Kiev airport		
20.30 – 21.50	Flight Kiev - Stockholm		
22.15 – 23.00	Pick up at the arrival hall and transfer by bus to the hotel		Scandic Klara Hotel, Slöjdgatan 7, Stockholm
Day 1 Monday 14/5			
8.00	Pickup at the reception of the hotel, walking jointly to the meeting venue		
8.30 – 9.00	UNDP and SKL International	Introductory session	Government Offices of Sweden, Tegelbacken 2, Stockholm
9.00 – 11.00	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Finance Representatives from the Delegation for Agenda 2030 Statistics Sweden	Session 1 Opening remarks Introduction to Sweden's work with Agenda 2030 – general approach, institutional arrangement and stakeholder engagement Presentation of draft action plan for sustainable development in Sweden Monitoring of progress towards SDGs	Same as above
11.00 – 11.10	Break		Same as above
11.10-12.00	Ministry of the Environment and Energy	Advances in Sweden's environmental and energy policy and overview of current initiatives	Same as above
12.00-14.00	Lunch		Restaurant 360 Sheraton Tegelbacken 6
14.00-15.00	Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation	Session 2 Advances in Sweden's green economy policy and an overview of the current initiatives (circular economy, sustainable/smart industry, greentech innovations)	Mäster Samuelsgatan 70, Stockholm
15.00 – 16.00	Transport to Sida		
16.00 – 17.15	Sida	Session 3 Welcome and a brief introduction to Sida and its work in Eastern Europe; Ms Christina Danielsson, Head of Unit for Eastern Europe and Thematic Support A brief introduction to Sida's overall work with various groups of actors connected to the SDG's; Ms Annika Palo, Senior Advisor, Department for Partnership and Innovation Presentation of the network Swedish Investors for Sustainable Development, SISD; Ms Karin Svensson, Senior Advisor, Department for Partnership and Innovation Presentation of the network Swedish Leadership for Sustainable Development, SLSD; Ms Sanna Leino,	Valhallavägen 199, Stockholm

		Program Specialist Market Development, Department for Europe and Latin America Presentation of the network Swedish Public Authorities for Sustainable Development; Ms Annika Palo	
18.30 –	Welcome dinner		Paul's/Hay Market
Day 2 Tuesday 15/5			
8.30	Pickup at the reception of the hotel, walking jointly to the meeting venue		
9.00 – 10.15	Sweden's Innovation Agency	Session 4 Presentation of integration of sustainable development principles in innovation policy instruments	Mäster Samuelsgatan 56, Stockholm
10.45-12.15	Council for Baltic Sea States	Session 5 Introduction to CBSS's long term priorities and collaboration with observer countries: Ms Maira Mora, Director General of the CBSS Secretariat and Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General of the CBSS Secretariat Presentation the Baltic 2030 Action Plan and the CBSS activities and projects in promoting the SDGs and Climate Action in the Baltic Sea Region: Krista Kampus, Head of the Baltic 2030	Slussplan 9, Stockholm
12.15-13.45	Lunch		USINE Södermalmsallen 36-38
13.45 – 14.45	Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth	Session 6 Presentation of European Regional Development Fund-supported initiatives within low-carbon economy, integration of environmental and climate aspects in regional development work and initiatives on green business	Västgötagatan 5, Stockholm
14.45 -	Free time	A separate note with suggested activities will be shared at the introductory meeting	
Day 3 Wednesday 16/5			
8.00	Pickup at the reception of the hotel, walking jointly to the meeting venue		
8.30 – 9.:30	SKL International	Session 7 Presentation of the Swedish government system, local entities and the role of SALAR- and SKL International Erik Faxgård SKL International	Hornsgatan 15 Saturnus – conference room Stagnelius 6 th floor
9.30 – 9.45		Coffee break	
9.45 – 11.15	SALAR SKL International	Presentation of work with Agenda 2030 on subnational level - Matilda Lindberg SALAR International Section Presentation of the SymbioCity Approach for sustainable urban development – Paul Dixelius, Development Director SKL International	Saturnus conference room Stagnelius 6 th floor
11.30 – 12.30	Lunch		SALAR Hornsgatan 20 "SKL 12:an"
12.30 – 14.00	Transfer by bus to Eskilstuna		
14.15 – 15.30	State Energy Agency	Session 8 Overview of current initiatives (ex. energy efficiency in SMEs, energy efficiency in the transport sector, CO ₂ -neutral steel industry) Senior Advisor Åke Axenbom	Gredbyvägen 10 Eskilstuna

15.45 – 18.45	Eskilstuna Municipality Ekeby våtmark Retuna	Session 9 Sustainable local planning Eskilstuna Municipality- Karl Tuikkanen Project Manager urban planning Visit to day water plant/park Ekeby våtmark Sustainable consumption/circular economy Anna Bergström, Retuna	Department of Planning, Alva Myrdals gata 5, Eskilstuna Folkestaleden 7 Eskilstuna
19.00 – 20.30	Dinner		Y-WON, Hamngatan 11, Eskilstuna
20.30 – 22.00	Transfer by bus to Stockholm		
Day 4 Thursday 17/5			
8.00 – 9.15	UNDP and SKL International/SALAR	Joint breakfast and debriefing	Scandic Klara Hotel, Slöjdgatan 7, Stockholm
9.20 – 10.00	Transfer by bus to Stockholm Airport		
11.50 – 15.05	Flight Stockholm-Kiev		
15.30	Transfer by taxi to Kiev		