Joint Letter of Intent
Swedish public agencies working for the 2030 Agenda

The 2030 Agenda is universal, and its goals are mutually reinforcing and collectively form a whole. The goals encompass the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. The 2030 Agenda is an approach and in many respects a question of governance, which will permeate all policy and activity both in Sweden and internationally. Everyone can contribute to a better future where no one is left behind.

Through this letter of intent and with due respect for the various missions and activities of public agencies, the public agencies within the GD Forum wish to signal the start of a closer partnership in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Swedish public agencies’ pledge
Through the GD Forum, the directors-general of the participating public agencies are demonstrating responsibility and leadership in order to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achieve the global sustainable development goals.

The public agencies behind this declaration are contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development into their activities based on their respective core missions.

The Swedish public agencies’ principles
Our work is characterised by transparency, non-discrimination, participation and accountability, and is based on the perspective of development from people who live in poverty.

Our work is rooted in and follows the principles of the rule of law, good management and anti-corruption. These are fundamental prerequisites for driving change.

Our partnership requires us to interact with each other on equal terms and to contribute to the achievement of common goals within the framework of our respective missions.

The Swedish public agencies’ contributions in Sweden and internationally
We will pursue a strategic dialogue, facilitate greater consensus and develop specific forms of partnership relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

We will contribute expert knowledge in the dialogue to promote sustainable development.

We will support each other when we face global challenges and when we identify opportunities for solutions.

We will further develop the sustainability work of our public agencies linked to the 2030 Agenda and communicate it in a transparent and comparable way.

We will build further on the collaboration that is already under way between the public agencies and with other stakeholders, and will try new working methods in the light of the new transformative agenda.

We will meet needs, expectations and the demand for Swedish competence relating to capacity development within the public administration.
We will describe our prioritised focus areas in an annual collaboration plan for the GD Forum. This work will be continually followed up and developed further.