



**Global Utmaning ("Global Challenge") is an independent Swedish think-tank concerned with democracy and sustainable development with the aim of influencing Swedish public opinion and policy in major global issues, bringing about change.**

### **Progress and activities**

Global Challenge was created in 2005 and has developed into a leading think-tank, combining expertise from various areas including academia, business, trade unions and non-governmental organisations.

During the last year Global Utmaning has produced:

- 15 reports/ publications. Primarily, the reports covered the climate issue, but also the need to reform the IMF; remittances from migrants in Sweden and the internationalisation of the Swedish health sector.
- 24 seminars/workshops for over 900 participants.
- 20 op eds in national/regional Swedish dailies.

### **Resources**

- Global Challenge has an annual budget of approximately 4 million SEK.
- We have some 10 project leaders managing our expert groups involving over 50 persons.
- The following corporations, foundations and organisations provide our funding: Sweden's Foreign Ministry, SKL (Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions), PricewaterhouseCoopers, Frejas Foundation, Vattenfall, Sveaskog, Apoteket, Carl Bennet AB, Electrolux, The Municipal and County Worker's Union (SKTF) and The Swedish National Council of Adult Education.

### **Organisation**

Global Challenge's activities are based on cooperation with a number of central financiers who commit themselves for a period of three years or more. Our organisation is run by a small secretariat in Stockholm and our work is performed on a project basis, where relevant expertise is recruited for each project.

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Global Challenge has a unique network of individuals with good knowledge of the meaning and consequences of globalisation. This network is an important knowledge base for Global Challenge and can also be a resource for our financiers.

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## Our Focus Areas

We focus on climate, migration, global governance and financial issues. We are currently carrying out approximately 10 projects in these areas.

### 1. Climate

Since 2008 we have produced several reports, analyzing various aspects of climate policy, in the run up to the climate summit in Copenhagen in 2009. We will continue with further research during 2009-2010:

**a) Carbon tax/energy taxes:** Analysis of a selection of national systems for energy/carbon tax in the OECD area, with the aim of finding the optimal pricing of carbon dioxide to minimise use of fossil fuels and stimulate energy conservation.

**b) Institutions:** Analysis of the institutions that need to be in place to fund climate adaptation by developing countries and verification of compliance with a new climate convention.

**c) The sustainable city:** Project 2009-2010 with our funding partner SKL, to find methods to mobilise civil society in the planning of a new sustainable urban environment.

**d) Regional seminars** around Sweden together with adult educational associations, and participation in the climate forum in Copenhagen in December 2009.

### 2. Migration

The number of migrants in the world has increased steadily and is now close to 1 billion. Migration can potentially contribute to development both in the countries of origin and reception. Global Challenge has formed a working group led by Sweden's former Minister of Migration Jan O Karlsson.

**a) Migration policy:** Many countries' formulate their migration policy in isolation from other countries, and in isolation of other policy areas in the same country. The purpose of this project is to formulate a coherent migration policy for Sweden at the national, EU and global level.

**b) Integration:** Migration will play an important role to solve the need for labor in Sweden and many other countries with low birth rates. This in turn makes integration processes even more important. During 2009-2011 we will identify and disseminate examples of functioning local integration projects, together with the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions.

**c) Remittances:** Financial transfers from migrants to home country relatives are important for the countries of origin, and the need to send money home affects the migrant's life patterns in the country of reception. 2009-2011 we will carry out a major

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study of remittances from Sweden including field studies in northern Iraq and the town of Uppsala in Sweden.

### 3. Global institutions/economic policy

a) Analysis of the role played by major wealth funds and other forms of "anonymous capitalists" in today's globalised market economy. Which consequences does this kind of capitalism have and how could alternative models be designed?

b) "G2" Analysis of the increasing interdependence between China and USA, in particular in light of the two countries increased financial imbalances. We analyse the consequences of G2's relationship for other countries, especially the European Union.

c) **Global Institutions:** Analysis of the need to reform the global institutions for peace and development.

d) **Mining for Development:** A project that aims to gather the Swedish expertise within management and governance of the mining sector and offer this knowledge to developing countries with major resources of raw materials. A feasibility study, funded by the Swedish Foreign Ministry, was done in the spring of 2009. Next step is to carry out a pilot project.

### 4. New Global Order? Policy Implications for Europe

For the time being, two formative layers shape world affairs, both of which are of superior relevance for Europe.

- One is the degree of global interdependence, reaching out beyond the sphere of trade and finance into communication, migration, the environment, social issues and cultural identity. The management of interdependence will thus become a crucial task of policy makers on all levels of governance. Global policies to combat climate change and secure financial stability, just to mention two examples, depend on this ability.

- The other formative layer consists of the complex interaction between major powers on the global stage. The concept of great power may appear traditional in a globalized world, the realities of international affairs, however, indicate that great power and global interdependence go together remarkably well. The roles of different great powers are changing as a consequence of the financial crisis and the emergence of new economic powers like China and India. G20 has become the main body for global governance. The interdependence between the USA and China is growing. The EU with its close links to the US, China and the other G20 countries will have to play a central role in this emerging new global order.

#### Goal

It is the goal of this project to assess the implications of this "double-helix" of world affairs in the aftermath of the financial and economic crisis, to analyze the

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interests, perceptions and strategies of key actors of global order and to contribute with analysis and policy ideas for the EU, its role, its policies and its instruments. The project builds on the various major analyses on global order, global interdependence and the changing role of great powers. It will integrate the knowledge at think tanks and research institutions in Europe and beyond. The project will be based on cooperation between three-four think-tanks from different EU Member States, focusing on global issues. Bertelsmann Stiftung (DE) and Global Challenge (SE) will take the lead.

### **Structure**

The working method of the project will be a series of well-prepared brainstorming sessions of experts and policymakers on national and European level. Each session will be prepared by short input papers and will be summarized by a policy paper. Typically, the meeting will be held on one day and preferably but not exclusively held in Brussels. The project is designed to feed directly into ongoing policy debates on EU- and member state level, also reaching out to parliaments and the wider policy debate. Over a three-year period, the project will hold three sessions annually.

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