

15TH U.S.-SWEDEN DEFENSE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

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The Swedish Security and Defence Industry Association was founded in 1986. The Association is open to companies producing equipment and services, military as well as commercial, for defense and homeland security applications. The purpose of the Association is to promote the common interests of the industry and to strive for an increased understanding of its importance to Swedish security and defence policy. The Association represents the Swedish Security and Defence Industry in several international organisations in addition to co-operating with defense industry associations worldwide.

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The global and northern European security environments are considerably less stable than at the time of the 14th US/Sweden conference in 2011. Russia has used military force to redraw the borders in Europe and is threatening several of its neighboring states while western defense budgets remain constrained. It is particularly worrisome that there is an imbalance between current security challenges and the ability to mobilize robust defenses on short notice. The defense establishments need to change how they do business by adopting a more effective approach to defense acquisition; 20th century planning and acquisition practices are no longer adequate.

The conference will update participants about: Swedish and U.S. future defense system needs, evolving national defense acquisition management policies, how successful Swedish companies have marketed their products and services to U.S. DoD, how successful U.S. companies have marketed their products and services to the Swedish MoD, and how Swedish and U.S. companies teamed successfully to maximize their competitiveness in the eyes of Swedish MOD and U.S. DoD acquisition decision makers.

The U.S. and Sweden share many values and interests. The U.S. and Sweden rank among the top countries in terms of their R&D investment as a percentage of GDP; both countries commit substantial resources to the creation and application of new knowledge and technology. Their defense industries value R&D as the primary driver of innovation, product development, and future revenues. That R&D and defense industrial infrastructure can be leveraged in ways that deliver both performance and reduced ownership costs. There is, however, a need for closer linkage between government and industry, supplemented by industry teaming and partnering arrangements among large, medium, and small companies, both domestic and foreign.

While there have been major successes in recent decades, all players must do better in this period of fiscal challenge and competing demands. Industry and government participants will benefit from engaging with the best minds in the Swedish and U.S. defense communities as they explore current needs and exchange views about how industry can satisfy those needs through enhanced cooperation.

TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2015

17:30 – 19:00 **OPENING RECEPTION**
 ▶ Location: Residence of U.S. Ambassador to Sweden

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2015

8:00 – 9:00 **REGISTRATION & COFFEE**

9:00 – 9:15 **WELCOME REMARKS**
 ▶ Mr. Robert Limmergård, *Secretary General, Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association*
 ▶ Gen Craig McKinley, USAF (Ret), *President and Chief Executive Officer, National Defense Industrial Association*

9:15 - 9:35 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
 ▶ Mr. Peter Hultqvist, *Minister of Defence, Ministry of Defence*

9:35 – 10:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
 ▶ Mr. Mark Brzezinski, *U.S. Ambassador to Sweden*

10:00 – 10:30 **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:30 – 11:20 **CHALLENGES OF THE NEW SECURITY ENVIRONMENT**
 ▶ Challenges from the Viewpoint of Sweden
 Lieutenant General Dennis Gyllensporre, *Chief of Defence Staff, Swedish Armed Forces*
 ▶ Challenges from the Viewpoint of the U.S.
 Jim Hursch, *Secretary of Defense Deputy Representative, Europe*

11:20 – 12:20 **NO MORE BUSINESS AS USUAL: HOW TO BALANCE SHORT TERM CAPABILITY GAPS WITH LONG TERM AFFORDABILITY**
 ▶ Ms. Lena Erixon, *National Armaments Director & Director General for the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration*
 ▶ Ms. Katrina McFarland, *Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition), Department of Defense*
 ▶ Moderator: Mr. Matt Warren, *Director of International Armaments Cooperation, Department of Defense*

12:30 – 13:30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

13:30 – 15:00 **RECIPES FOR SUCCESS: STRATEGY AND TACTICS**
 ▶ T-Kartor, *Mr. Christer Kjellkvist, CEO*
 ▶ Harris, *TBD*
 ▶ Saab, *Mr. Lennart Sindahl, Deputy CEO*
 ▶ Boeing, *Mr. Bob Gower, VP Training Systems, Defense Space & Security*
 ▶ Systecon North America, *Mr. Justin Wulfe, EVP, Technical Services*

15:00 – 15:30 **NETWORKING BREAK**

15:30 – 16:30 **MEETING THE CHALLENGES: OPPORTUNITY TO RESTART COOPERATION**
 ▶ Possible High-tech cooperation for increased operational effects
 Rear Admiral Thomas Engevall, *Chief of Defence Logistics, Swedish Armed Forces*
 ▶ Air-Defense, *Colonel Stefan Jönsson, Swedish Armed Forces*
 ▶ Cyber Defense, *TBD, U.S.*
 ▶ Artic war fighter, *Brigadier General Mats Ström, Director Logistic Systems Department, Swedish Defence Materiel Administration*
 ▶ Moderator: Reidar Ljöstad, *Director & Head of Acquisition, Research & Development, Ministry of Defence*

16:30 – 16:45 **CLOSING REMARKS**
 ▶ Mr. Robert Limmergård, *Secretary General, Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association*
 ▶ Gen Craig McKinley, USAF (Ret), *President and Chief Executive Officer, National Defense Industrial Association*

17:30 **TRANSPORT TO THE ARCHIPELAGO**

18:30 – 22:00 **NETWORKING RECEPTION DINNER**
 ▶ Location: Badholmen, Waxholm



National Defense Industrial Association provides individuals from academia, government, the military services, small businesses, prime contractors, and the international community, the opportunity to network effectively with the government - industry team, keep abreast of the latest in technology developments, and address and influence issues as well as government policies critical to the health of the defense industry and the preservation of our national security.

Conference Planning Committee:

- ▶ Mr. Magnus Ingesson, *Counselor, Defense Industry Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden*
- ▶ Mr. Nils Johansson, *Senior Advisor, Defense Industry Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden*
- ▶ Mr. Frank Cevasco, *President, Cevasco International, LLC*
- ▶ Mr. Ryan Romito, *International Programs Analyst, OUSD (AT&L), U.S. Department of Defense*