

The human dimension in the Arctic Council

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Sweden in the Arctic Council

- 2011-2013 Sweden's chairmanship of the Arctic Council
- Sweden's strategy for the Arctic region
- Sweden's Chairmanship Programme for the Arctic 2011-2013

The human dimension

- 4 million people live in the Arctic
- New challenges - and opportunities:
 - for the environment
 - for the societies
 - for the e people
 - for culture and languages
 - for businesses
 - political scenarios

Challenges and opportunities

- Huge distances and poor infrastructure
- Health challenges
- New transit routes
- Raw materials
- New technologies
- Very costly to develop the Arctic
- The need for cooperation

Swedish priorities for the human dimension

- Reinforce the work of the Sustainable Development Working Group - SDWG
- Projects on:
 - Food and Water Security
 - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
 - Business Dialogue
 - Dialogue with Indigenous peoples

Other important projects

- Arctic Human Development Report II
- Arctic Maritime and Aviation Transportation Initiative (AMATI)
- Indigenous Languages

Questions?

Thank you!