



Toward functioning international cooperation for sustainable cities

Swedish experience with
international city networks

Agenda

- Lessons learned from the government mission Global Sustainable Cities Network – Albin Carlén
- Lessons learned from Alliance for urban sustainability – Karin Fant
- Lessons learned successful networking – Karin Fant
- Challenges ahead – Albin Carlén

The Swedish cities



GSCN: Lessons learned

The GSCN provided a platform for cities around the globe to share knowledge and experience, collaborating with the aim of making major strides toward achieving sustainable cities.

Participants



China



Denmark



Finland



Sweden



United Arab
Emirates

Alliance for urban sustainability – lessons learned

- ***Concept notes developed on***
 - *Engaging citizens*
 - *Innovation gateways*
 - *Equity and environmental justice*
 - *Scaling up energy efficiency retrofits*
- ***Cities develop and lead sessions***
 - *Freedom and responsibility*
- ***Alliance must help cities solve their regular tasks***

Successful networking

- ✓ Consult target audience early on – engage cities at idea stage
- ✓ Make sure that all stakeholders have the same idea about where things are going
- ✓ City-driven and city-defined network, but national coordination is a must.
- ✓ Allocate resources and give it time
- ✓ Long-term effort.

Challenges ahead

- ✓ Cities drive agenda, ownership
- ✓ Relevant, regular meet-ups
- ✓ Continuity in representation from the cities
- ✓ Financing for projects and international meetings
- ✓ Contexts: Making examples relevant
- ✓ Consultant driven

Questions

- What are your experiences with running city networks?
- What are your experiences when engaging public and private stakeholders in learning/collaboration?