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Webinar

The Future of the United States after the Presidential Election 2020: The Relevance for the Green Sectors

Time	Friday April 16, 2021, at 14:00 until 17:00
Venue	Webinar via Zoom – link will be e-mailed April 15, 2021
Registration	No later than April 14, via this link
Fee	No fee
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On November 3, the people of the United States went to the polls to elect a new president. The choice was between incumbent President Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Joe Biden. The winner was Joe Biden, who was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States on January 20.

Expectations that the United States, with Joe Biden as president, will return to a more traditional role in the international community are high. On February 19, the United States also rejoined the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. At the same time, some point out that, for example, the harsh tone that has characterized the contacts between the USA and China seems to persist. So, what changes can we expect during this presidential term? What roles will the United States play geopolitically and as an economic engine in the world? And not least necessary, what consequences does this have for agriculture and forestry as well as for work in the environmental field.

To shed light on this, KSLA, through its international committee, has invited American fellows to give their view of the development. Their view will be commented by a panel of Swedish observers who, among other things, will address the development of the United States in light Swedish conditions as well as that of the European Union.

Welcome!

Eva Pettersson
Secretary General and Managing Director of the Academy



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Moderators	Anders Wijkman, Author, Club of Rome Chair, Chair Climate-KIC, World Future Louise Hård af Segerstad, Assistant moderator, Co-Director of the sustainability organization Albaeco
Form	Webinar – Zoom
Media	Streamed by SVT Forum (Swedish TV)

PROGRAM

14:00 **Welcome:** Eva Pettersson, Secretary General and Managing Director of the Academy

SESSION I

The Future of the USA

14:05 **Keynote by Jeffrey D. Sachs**, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University: *Economy and Trade – The Challenges*

14:30 **Jan McAlpine**, Tempe former Director of UNFF, and currently Board member of three International Organizations: *The Development of the Environment and Climate*

14:40 **Robert Thompson**, Professor Emeritus University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Senior Fellow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs; Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC: *The Agriculture Sector*

14:50 **Lars Laestadius**, PhD, Sustainability Consultant; Director, Eco-Innovation Foundation: *The Forest Sector*

15:00 Clarifying questions from moderators and the audience

15:10 Coffee break





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SESSION II

Interactive Session between American speakers, Swedish observers, and the audience

15:30 The Swedish observers from different fields of society will have 5 minutes each to comment and put questions on what they heard in Session I.

The American speakers will have the possibility to comment on each of the Swedish interventions. These interactions will be mixed with questions from moderators and audience.

The Swedish observers are:

Dag Blanck: Professor, Director, Swedish Institute for North American Studies, Uppsala University; expert on Swedish and USA relations

Lena Ek: Chair of the Board of Södra; former Minister of the Environment; former Member of the European Parliament

Jan Hallenberg: Research Leader, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs; Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Swedish Defense University

Kerstin Hallsten: Chief Economist, Swedish Forest Industries

Håkan Henrikson: Head of Trade and Industry, and Chief Veterinary Officer of the Swedish Board of Agriculture

Ginna Lindberg: Head, Foreign News and USA commentator, Swedish Broadcasting

Måns Nilsson: Director, Stockholm Environment Institute

16:55 Closing Remarks