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Sofia brings almost 25 years of experience in humanitarian action, international development, gender and human rights. Prior to this appointment with UN Women, she served as Ambassador and Special Envoy of the Swedish Government for gender issues.

Prior to that, she served as the International Director, Swedish Red Cross (2019-2021), Ambassador of Sweden to Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mauritius (2019-2019), Head of Humanitarian Development, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2012-2016), Deputy Head of Mission, Swedish Embassy in Sudan (2008-2012), First Secretary (Human Rights), Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva (2005-2008), Desk Officer, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2002-2004), Second Secretary, Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi (2000-2001), Second Secretary (Humanitarian), Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva (1999-2000), and Reporter and Editor, Sörmlands Nyheter (1997-1998).

Sofia holds a Master's degree in International Affairs (International Law Human Rights) from Columbia University, MSc. in Political Science, Uppsala University, Diplôme Internationale d'Etudes Politiques, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris. She is fluent in English, Swedish and has working knowledge of French.



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