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# Conservation and Management of Historic Buildings



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AND A REGIONAL CONTINUATION IN MARCH 2009

## Invitation


The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is a government agency responsible for the major part of Sweden's development cooperation. Focus on long-term knowledge and competence development constitutes a major feature in all development cooperations.

Sida offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development of cooperating countries based on identified priorities and needs. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the cooperating countries.

These programmes aim at enhancing managerial and technical skills and cover subjects of strategic importance to economic and social development. The Training Programmes are designed for experienced executives in middle and top management positions in their respective organisations.

With the Training Programmes, Sida aims to contribute to processes of change and development in the participants' organisations and lines of businesses.

Historic buildings can help promote cultural identity and sustainable development in times of change. Such buildings and their surroundings need to be conserved professionally, in the place. Aware-



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ness and understanding are necessary, both of their worth and of the importance of conservation, since historic buildings require continuous attention to retain their value.

In developing countries the oldest built structures are often in the poorest areas. This is both a threat to the buildings and a protection, since careless interventions could destroy their value. Professional conservation protects a building from demolition or modernization that might threaten its cultural and technical qualities. With knowledge, renewed pride in traditional craftsmanship and correct choice of local materials, continuous maintenance of older buildings can support the local economy and improve the quality of life. The way forward from poverty and conflict includes conservation: maintaining cultural identity and the historical testament of the built environment.

The aim of the programme is to give professionals working in the area of building conservation in developing countries new information and a wider frame of reference to help them identify, conserve and restore valuable cultural heritage in the form of buildings and built environments.

The programme will be given twice in 2008. Both men and women are encouraged to apply. Note that any individual may attend only one International Training Programme in Sweden.



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## Programme Objectives

The overall objective from a development perspective is to promote professional pride in traditional skills, work opportunities for craftsmen, use of local techniques and materials and to conserve the civil building heritage in countries where it is under threat because of poverty or natural and man-made disasters. Development aid has greatest impact by conserving existing buildings with capital value and assuring continuity of use according to the users' needs.

Specific objectives are to provide the scientific background and experiences to increase the capacity of the participants to introduce and support improvement in the work of their home organizations; to promote dialogue among professionals working with building conservation and cultural heritage in a region. This includes:

1. Ability to adapt techniques in building conservation, restoration and management.
2. Ability to understand and discuss

modern approaches to building conservation, knowledge of international codes, standards and organizations.

3. Ability to adapt techniques to investigate and assess existing buildings and their physical contexts.

The programme offers the possibility to join an existing international network for building conservation.

## Contents

Survey of current issues in international building conservation. Perspectives on cultural heritage, ethnic, religious, political, historical valuation of individual and groups of buildings. Concrete and practical building conservation: examination and assessment of buildings, restoration programmes, maintenance and conservation plans. Theories, historical background and contemporary approaches.

## Programme Structure

Date and place

The programme is divided into four phases. The first phase is identification and preliminary study of an object or building environment the participant will work with in his/her home country. The second phase (three weeks) takes place at Lund University in Sweden, September 22 – October 10, 2008. During the third phase participants will conduct exercises related to their object and communicate with programme tutors and each other through internet and email. The fourth phase will be a two-week continuation in Asia during March 2009 when individual maintenance plans will be presented and assessed.

## Teaching

The programme will be conducted in university departments specialized in conservation and international building issues. The programme will be taught through lectures, seminars and both individual and group exercises. Excursions will be made to interesting historical sites and buildings

in Sweden. Each participant will work on an individual project, which will be the core of the course.

During phases when participants work individually in the home organization, teaching will be conducted on LUVIT, an internet based learning platform. LUVIT will be available to participants from Phase 1. The platform allows contact among the participants and between individual participants and the course staff in Lund.

#### Management and staff

The programme is offered by Architectural Conservation and Restoration in collaboration with Housing Development and Management. Architectural Conservation and Restoration includes restoration, reconstruction, management and renovation of old and new building environments and structures. Areas studied include architects' working methods when investigating and analyzing buildings or when planning new buildings in the immediate vicinity of existing structures. Another important topic is examination of traditional building crafts and their use in restoration work.

The staff of Architectural Conservation and Restoration has a unique combination of practical experience and scientific qualifications. The two professors are active on academic juries and as international experts in evaluating research and grant applications. Current research includes the design process, planning and examination methods for conservation and renewal, use of traditional materials and techniques, and design programmes and design studies for management and development of existing building environments.

Housing Development & Management HDM undertakes research and training in housing from an international perspective: planning, design, creation, use and management, and the connection between a home and its surroundings from neighbourhood to city level. The goal is to increase knowledge of how to improve the processes leading to good housing and sustainable development, especially for the poor. HDM has over 15 years experience in arranging interna-

tional training courses and programmes, and about 1000 alumni.

## Participation

### Target regions

Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and the Balkans.

### Target Group

Professionals who deal with building conservation or management in their normal work and persons with practical experience in building conservation or management. Applicants might work for government agencies such as Ministries of Culture or National Boards of Antiquities, regional departments and larger municipalities; for universities; the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

### Language requirements

The programme will be conducted in English. The minimum level is a TOEFL score of 550, or a recognized equivalent.

## Application Process

**Closing date for application is  
May 1, 2008.**

Applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered. Applications should be made on the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents.

An English language test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support his/her ability. The Swedish Embassy/Consulate does not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

When necessary, the application should be approved by the official nominating authority in the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate.

If there is no Swedish Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to Programme Secretariat.

Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or telefax. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent out, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

## Cost of Participation

The cost of the programme is divided between a participation fee and accommodation cost. The participation fee covers all training costs such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and certain social activities as well as accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover these costs.

International travel to and from Sweden will also be covered by Sida. The participant carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport.

Sida always pays international travel costs in connection to the second phase of the training programme.

Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

Personal expenses are not included.

## Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated in a hotel with breakfast.

## Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journey and stay during the training programme. The visa should be valid for the whole period of the programme and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Enquiries should be directed to respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate alternatively other Schengen representation as soon as possible after acceptance into the programme. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement.

The costs for obtaining visas are carried by the participant.

For more information, this website offers Swedish visa information: <http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html>

## Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance while in Sweden and on organised tours during the programme. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.

## Contact information

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## Presentation of Program Secretariat

### Lund

The city of Lund dates from 990 AD. It lies in the far south, in the richest agricultural region of Sweden. It has the character of a small town, with an old centre around the Cathedral. The current population of Lund is just over 100,000.

### Lund University

Lund University ([www.lu.se](http://www.lu.se)) was founded in 1666, partly in order to knit the provinces which had been ceded by Denmark in 1658 closer to Sweden. Since then the University has developed into a modern international centre. With eight faculties and a multitude of research centres and specialized institutes, it is today the largest unit for research and higher education in Sweden. The university is spread throughout the city and has over 40,600 students. Lund University is one of 14 institutions in Sweden and Denmark making up the Öresund University with 140,000 students and over 12,000 researchers.

### Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering, previously Lund Institute of Technology ([www.lth.se](http://www.lth.se)), was founded in 1961. It is Sweden's third largest engineering faculty. Undergraduate teaching and research are pursued in the fields of chemical, environmental, civil, mechanical, electrical and computer engineering, as well as engineering physics, industrial management and engineering, risk management, architecture, industrial design and surveying.

Architectural Conservation and Restoration and Housing Development & Management are both part of the Faculty of Engineering.

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