



SI EXECUTIVE EDUCATION COURSE FOCUSING ON **ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SUSTAINABILITY: INTERNATIONAL AND SWEDISH PERSPECTIVES** FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR

The course, *Accountability for sustainability: International and Swedish perspectives for the public sector*, provides you with an opportunity to better understand and solve the complex accountability challenges in the sustainability domain faced by your organization. The course is organized in cooperation with Jönköping International Business School and gives participants 7,5 ECTS academic credits upon successful completion.

PRESSING ISSUES TO BE SOLVED

Public sector organizations and their decision-makers are facing numerous challenges in the sustainability domain. These challenges of financial, social and environmental nature, require decision-makers to be responsive to the needs of their stakeholders to whom they are accountable. Yet, identifying who these stakeholders are, how to report to them and by what means, remains a complex task to solve.

Public sector decision-makers' ability to identify and solve accountability challenges in the sustainability domain has a profound effect not only on the organizations they represent but also on the development of the surrounding society these organizations are embedded in.

To increase this ability, there is a need to create:

- A better understanding of accountability challenges and potential paradoxes/conflicts faced by the leaders in public organizations.
- Conditions for cross-sectoral cooperation and knowledge exchange on the matters related to sustainability target settings and strategies.

- Opportunities for learning regarding decision making across different contexts that face similar as well and different accountability challenges in the sustainability domain.

To develop this ability, through applying a strategic lens on accountability for sustainability challenges, the course focus is put on developing decision-makers responsiveness to the stakeholder and organizational needs in relation to accountability and sustainability. Given the complex and paradoxical nature of accountability challenges and needs in the sustainability domain, the course will employ interactive dialogue and collaboration, based on the accountability challenges faced by participants in their own organizations. The course will further employ interactive lecturing and best practice discussions to strengthen further the participants' ability to solve the accountability challenges they are faced with in the sustainability domain.

The key objective of the course is for participants to be able to develop solutions to the complex matters related to accountability for sustainability challenges they and their organizations are facing.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

SI executive education course on **Accountability for Sustainability: International and Swedish perspectives** for public sectors invites SI alumni having participated in Swedish Institute Management Program (SIMP) and other capacity-building programs arranged by Swedish organizations. The course is aimed at the leaders of public sector organizations, where the applicants (participants) have a position equivalent to a department manager.

The course uses a problem-based learning approach, where each participant is expected to bring a complex challenge facing the participant organization in the sustainability domain (The challenge should mirror one or more of the UN's sustainable development goals 2030).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- High school diploma or above
- At least four years of work experience
- SI alumni having participated in Swedish Institute Management Program (SIMP) and other capacity-building programs arranged by Swedish organizations
- Have a middle management position or above
- Work for a public sector organization

- Be a citizen of Kenya, Kosovo, Ukraine, Sweden and Zambia (other countries can be considered depending on availability)
- Have an interest in sustainability and accountability theory and practice

COURSE APPROACH

The course is designed to activate each participant's strategic ability in identifying solutions for accountability of sustainability challenges through:

- Best practice presentation and discussion
- Reflective dialogues
- Real-life 'live' case studies
- On-site visits
- Inspiring lectures based on state-of-the-art research

Using reality-based challenges (brought to the course by the participants) and applying a problem-based learning approach, the participants will develop their understanding of key parameters for successfully solving accountability for sustainability challenges in their organizations.

COURSE THEMES

The course is divided into two separate but interrelated modules.

Module 1: Accountability for sustainability: Across context:

- The strategic role of accountability & sustainability
- Sustainability in private and public sector organizations
- Accountability in private and public sector organizations
- Accountable leadership for sustainability

Module 2: Accountability for sustainability: the Swedish experience

- The Swedish model – past experiences and future trends of accountability
- Strategizing for accountability and sustainability
- Accountability practices in Swedish public organizations

IMPORTANT DATES

An optional open information session from 10:00 – 12:00 CET on **February 8th** (More information below)

Application Deadline: **22nd of February**

Admission decision sent out: Latest **7th of March**

Acceptance of granted admission by the participants: Latest **11th of March**

Online module 1:

Session 1: 5th of April, 2022 9:00 – 16:00

Session 2: 19th of April 2022 09:00 – 16:00

Session 3: 26th of April 2022 09:00 – 16:00

Session 4: 3rd of May 2022 09:00 – 16:00

Session 5 10th of May 2022 09:00 – 16:00

On-site in Jönköping module 2:

Arrival 9th of June 2022

Session 1 – Session 5 10th of June – 14th of June

Departure 15th of June

Please note that students will be provided with individual supervision within each module as well as between the two modules.

HOW TO APPLY

You will get to the application form by clicking [here](https://jibs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Tv9z2ZXoS9GoE6) or copying this link:
https://jibs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Tv9z2ZXoS9GoE6

In the application form, we ask you to describe yourself, your organization, the accountability/sustainability challenges you are facing, as well as your expectations and ambitions for the course.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

To gain more information about the course, its design and experience, as well as for the opportunity to ask questions, we invite you to attend an information session at **10:00 – 12:00 CET on February 8th**

If you want to attend this session, [please register here](#) or copy this link: https://jibs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e97MZsnBDmklhLg

For questions about content, please email the course examiner: timur.uman@ju.se

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WHO IS RUNNING THIS PROGRAM?

SI course in *Accountability for Sustainability* is designed and facilitated by members of the [Media Management and Transformation Centre](#) at the [Jönköping International Business School](#) (JIBS) part of Jönköping University. JIBS is a specialized and dynamic institution of higher education. With research and links to practice at the core, we offer Bachelor, Master and Doctoral education to students from the whole world. JIBS faculty are internationally connected and for the research conducted in our focus areas, we are ranked among the best in the world. The quality of our education, research and operations is verified by double international accreditations, granted by EQUIS and AACSB. We operate as a limited company, owned by the Jönköping University Foundation and under the supervision of the Swedish Government.

