

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Sten Niklasson**, born 1939, is a Swedish economist and lawyer. After having served as a judge in a district court and worked a few years in the Federation of Swedish Industries, he was recruited to the Ministry of Industry and took part in several of the groups appointed by the government to negotiate Sweden's membership in the European Union. In his capacity as permanent secretary in the ministry he was also responsible for negotiating and implementing Sweden's agreements on industrial and technological cooperation with other nations and acted for several years as advisor to the prime minister in deliberations with other heads of government.

As chief negotiator he took part in the creation of OECD's rules on international investment, as well as the corresponding work undertaken by the United Nations. Over a period of seven years he chaired a UN Commission of 48 Member States charged with the formulation of a Code of Conduct concerning transnational corporations.

In the 1980s Niklasson chaired a number of governmental committees reviewing laws relating to the equity market and acted as board member of numerous state-controlled corporations in areas such as financing, forestry, shipping and space technology.

In 1985-1991 he served as General Director of the Swedish Patent Office, vice chairman of the European Patent Organisation (EPO), chairman of the EPO pension fund and chairman of the EPO Appeals Committee. He was also representative of Sweden in the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in Geneva and carried out several missions on behalf of this organisation aimed at strengthening the intellectual property protection worldwide.

In the 1990s he was appointed CEO of the international oil and petrochemical Neste group, later renamed Fortum Sweden. Simultaneously, he was director of the boards of several other corporations and organisations.

After his retirement at the age of 60, he lectured at the Stockholm School of Economics, Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD) in Fontainebleau and Institut National Polytechnique in Toulouse. He also published a number of books and remains a regular contributor of essays to many periodicals.

He was elected member of the board of the Swedish RTVD in 2020 and is a firm believer in its objectives as well as the international work being pursued by the WFRtDS.