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Johan has a BSc in geosciences and a PhLic in physical geography (paleoclimatology) from Stockholm University.

Johan began his career in 1991 as a PhD student with research in the Polar regions and as a university teacher. In 1996, he started as a Junior Professional Officer at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York and moved to the World Meteorological Organization in 1998. He was a senior consultant at ERM from 1999 and from 2003 he became Project Director at the Stockholm International Water Institute. From 2007, he served as Chief Technical Advisor for UN-Water based at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In 2010 he became Centre Director and Chief Operations Officer at the Stockholm Environment Institute and in 2012 he became the Executive Director of the organization. In 2018 he started as an independent consultant at part time but also served as Senior Advisor to the President of the Stockholm University (50%). In 2022 he was appointed Director General for the Government Research Council Formas. Johan has also held the position as Vice Chair and later Chair of the Swedish Climate Policy Council and as Adjunct Professor at the Stockholm University. Johan has also served on the boards of Axfoundation, Ecogain Inc, Gothenburg university, MISTRA Research Foundation, Sveaskog and WWF Sweden. He has been an active lecturer and moderator and worked over 4 years with national Channel 4 morning news programme with "Klimatkollen". He was appointed "Sweden's Most Environmentally Powerful person" by the magazine Miljöaktuellt in 2014 and was a summer host in Swedish National Radio P1 in 2017. He is a fellow of the Royals Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA) and the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA).