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## **Swedish-Egyptian trade ties in focus as Swedish Minister for Trade Ann Linde visits Egypt to explore opportunities for deepening relations**

**The Swedish Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde is in Egypt from 18-20 February to meet counterparts in the Egyptian Government, other official representatives and civil society.**

Egypt is an important trading partner for Sweden, with Egypt ranked among the 26 priority countries in the Swedish Government's export strategy. Egypt is Sweden's largest export market in Africa and the second largest export market in the Middle East and North Africa. Many large Swedish companies have an important presence in the country, with others interested in potential trade ties.

During the visit, Minister Linde will discuss economic and political developments in Egypt, as well as opportunities for further deepening trade and knowledge exchange between the two countries. The Minister will also meet with civil society representatives, including to discuss women's rights and women's participation in the economy and society at large.

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