

Motivation for Lars Karlsson MC Candidacy

With forty years' experience in customs and trade, I have served in both executive and operational roles across Government, International Institutions and over the last thirteen years in senior positions in the private sector. Currently, I lead customs and trade at Maersk, and have previously held executive roles at KGH, the World Customs Organization, and Swedish Customs. Recognized internationally as an expert in customs, border management, and trade policy, I bring extensive experience in creating and leading public and private partnerships and consultative committees. I believe I have the professional skills, availability, and technical knowledge necessary to serve the Committee effectively, including active participation in its meetings and activities.

Relevant Qualifications and Experience

- Global Head of Consulting, Maersk; over four decades of leadership in customs, borders, and international trade policy.
- Former CEO & MD, KGH Global Consulting; former Director, World Customs Organization; former Director General, Swedish Customs initiating and implementing international standards and models in trade.
- Senior Advisor to governments, international institutions, and executive boards of multinational companies; advisor to EU and UK on Brexit.
- Commissioner, UK Trade Facilitation Commission; member, UK Cabinet Office Expert Advisory Group; member, EU Wise Persons Group on Challenges Facing the Customs Union.
- Doctor of Education (HC); Master in International Customs Law. Recognized author, speaker, influencer, and board member of international think-tanks and research networks.
- Author of several books and contributor to numerous academic journals.