Governance and Procedures of the Swedish Development Research Network (SweDev)

This document describes the governing structure of and operating procedures for SweDev. Adopted 2019-11-15.

§1. The Swedish Development Research Network (SweDev) is a member-based network consisting of research groups, units or departments in different research environments in Sweden and individuals working with development research and training. It is an multidisciplinary academic network with no political or religious affiliations.

§2. The purpose of SweDev is

- to encourage and support contacts, cooperation and sharing of information between researchers, lecturers and students of development studies at the various research environments around Sweden
- to enhance contact and cooperation between researchers and development practitioners and policymakers
- to support the biennial National Conference on Development Research in Sweden.

§3. Membership in the network is open to university and college departments and other research environments in Sweden, and to individuals with an interest in development research. Membership is applied by registration in the SweDev member registry. Members are invited to attend the bi-annual meeting and entitled to participate in all SweDev activities, to nominate SC members, and to consult the Steering Committee directly with questions and recommendations.

§4. The SweDev Steering Committe (SC) is responsible for the strategic development of the SweDev network. The steering committee is responsible for the SweDev workplan and activities as well as results reporting to any financier. The steering committee comprises of 5-10 members and seeks to represent a variety of development research environments. One seat is offered to a member of the organizing committee of the forthcoming DevRes conference and one seat is offered to a PhD student in development studies. The Steering Committee elects a Chair amongst its members. The Chair is responsible for convening and presiding over SC meetings, with the support of the SweDev Secretariat.

§5. A Nomination Group of two members external to the SC shall be appointed by the SC to identify and propose new SC members to the SC. The SC decides on any amendments to the SC.

§6. A bi-annual meeting, which is open for all members of the network, is held every two years at the national Conference on Development Research in Sweden. At this meeting the Steering Committee account for its work and the Nomination Group will propose any amendments to the steering committee.

§7. SweDev is hosted by the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) who functions as a Secretariat for SweDev. The Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day functioning and financial management of SweDev. The SweDev Secretariat will support the Chair of the SC and the Steering Committe in her or his functions. The SweDev Secretariat is led by the SweDev Program Director, who is employed by and ultimately responsible to SEI. The Program Director is an ex-officio member of the SC. SweDev is represented by SEI for contractual purposes. SEI may thus override SweDev SC decisions that SEI cannot legally and financially support.

§8. This document shall be revisited and revised annually or upon need by the Steering Committee. The revised document shall indicate both the new date and the date of the version it replaces was approved.