

# Curriculum Vitae for Karl-Göran Karlsson

**Name:** Karl-Göran O. Karlsson

**Date of birth:** 29.04.1959

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## **Education:**

09/1980-02/1984: Bachelor of Science in Physics at the Meteorological Institution of the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

12/2006: Ph. D. in Meteorology at Stockholm University. Thesis title:  
*The use of a satellite-derived cloud climatology for studying cloud-aerosol processes and the performance of regional cloud climate simulations.*  
Thesis advisor: Prof. Erland Källén.  
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## **Professional record:**

03/1984-12/1985: Meteorologist, Dispersion Modelling, Climate Section, SMHI  
Status: permanent position, half time + Meteorologist, Meteorological Forecasting, Forecasting Section, SMHI, Status: permanent position, half time

01/1986-12/1989: Research Scientist, Meteorological Remote Sensing, Research and Development Section, SMHI, Status: permanent position, half time +  
Meteorologist, Meteorological Forecasting, Forecasting Section, SMHI  
Status: permanent position, half time

Since 01/1990: Research Scientist, Meteorological Remote Sensing Section, Research and Development Department, SMHI. Status: permanent position, full time

## **Projects:**

- **CM SAF**

EUMETSAT Climate Monitoring Satellite Application Facility project  
Project member representing SMHI since November 1998.  
January 2004-February 2012: CM SAF Work Package manager for Cloud studies (full time). Responsible for activities in the CM SAF Clouds group consisting of about seven scientists at SMHI, DWD (Germany) and KNMI (the Netherlands).  
March 2013 until present: Responsible for CM SAF Clouds, Albedo and Radiation dataset from AVHRR data (the CLARA Climate Data Record).

- **C3S\_312b Lot 1**

Copernicus Climate Change Services (C3S) project “Essential Climate Variable products derived from observations - Lot 1”

Project member representing SMHI and the CM SAF project.

July 2017 – present: Responsible for quality control procedures and Gap Analysis studies for Essential Climate Variable groups Clouds, Surface Radiation, Earth Radiation Budget, Water Vapour and Precipitation.

- **ESA-CLOUD-CCI**

Climate Change Initiative project by European Space Agency, Essential Climate Variable Clouds

October 2010-2017: Responsible for work packages related to cloud product validation and AVHRR, MODIS, AATSR and MERIS calibration monitoring.

## Publications (peer reviewed):

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