



**Cilla Benkö** was appointed Director General & CEO of Swedish Radio October 1, 2012. Since 2009 she held the position of Deputy Director General of Swedish Radio.

1986 she graduated in Journalism and Media at Stockholm University. She has then added more studies in Economy, at Stockholm School of Economics, and in Communication and Marketing at The New York University. She has also concluded the course High Performance Leadership at IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Cilla Benkö has been working for Swedish Radio for almost 30 years and during this period she has had several management positions. She started her work at the Sports Department and from there she went on to the news department, as a business journalist. Her journalistic career has not only involved assignments within public broadcasting. She has also worked as a freelance in New York for the Swedish commercial television and was Head of the News Department «Aktuellt», Swedish Television.

Since 2010 Cilla Benkö is one of eleven members of the EBU Executive Board and currently Chairman of the EBU Personnel Committee. During 2015 Cilla Benkö became a member of the Advisory Board for the Media and Communications Department at LSE (London School of Economics) and member of the Board of Trustees at INSI (International News Safety Institute) as well as elected President of Prix Europa. 2017 Cilla Benkö became Chairman of the jury of UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

In 2016 she was awarded the Pontus Schultz prize for her leadership. In 2017 she was awarded the prestigious prize Leader of the Year 2017, at the Leader Gala in Stockholm, where Sweden's best leaders at all levels and from all industries were named.