
Svend Auken

Educational Background: Århus University, M.Sc. (Political Science), 1969.

Professional Career: Associate Professor at Århus University's Institute of Political Science, 1969-89.

Member of Parliament 1971.

Minister of Labour, 1977-82.

Deputy chairman of the Social Democratic Party 1983 - 1987.

Chairman of the Social Democratic Party 1987 - 1992.

Minister for the Environment, January 1993 - September 94.

Minister for Environment and Energy, September 94 – December 2001.

Vice President of the Danish Parliament (Folketinget) December 2001

Chairman of European Affairs Committee (The Danish Parliament) December 2007

Member of the Danish Folketing: (Århus East) from 1971; Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary Social Democratic Party 1975-77; political spokesman 1977, and from 1983 Vice Chairman of the Social Democratic Party 1985; Chairman 1987-92; Vice President of the Socialist International 1988-92; Member of the Social Democratic Party's Executive Committee since 1975. Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour-Market Committee 1975-77 and the Parliamentary Physical Planning Committee 1977; Chairman of the Parliamentary Political-Economic Committee 1992-93.

Member: of Danmarks Nationalbank's Board of Directors 1975 and from 1983, and its Committee of Directors from 1983; member of The Danish Federation of Trade Unions' Executive Committee 1977 and from 1983-92, and of the Economic Council of the Labour Movement 1977 and from 1985-92; Founder of the OECD Copenhagen Group 1978; Chairman of the Environmental Committee of the Nordic Social Democrats (SAMAK), 1994, and of the Environmental Committee of the European Social Democratic Parties, (PES), 1994.

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Minister for Environment and Energy Svend Auken (Social Democrat). Born on 24.5.1943 in Århus, East Jutland. He studied political science in Århus. After studies in the USA and Paris he graduated from Århus University (M.Sc.) in 1969. The same year he was employed as lecturer at Århus University's Institute of Political Science and from 1973-89 as Associate Professor. He has been a member of the Folketing since 1971; Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary Social Democratic Party 1975-77 and political spokesman 1977. Mr. Auken was Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour-Market Committee 1975-77, and the Physical Planning Committee 1977. From 1977-82 he was Minister of Labour. From 1983 he once more became political spokesman for the Social Democratic Party, in 1985 Vice Chairman and from 1987-92 Chairman of the Party. He was Vice President of the Socialist International 1988-92. From 1992-93 he was Chairman of the Parliamentary Political-Economic Committee. In January 1993 he was appointed Minister for the Environment and in September 1994 Minister for Environment and Energy.