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Previously he was responsible for, *inter alia*, environmental aspects of international trade (e.g. WTO) and biotechnology. Mr Andrén has a vast experience in international negotiations (e.g. CBD, Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, WTO ministerial meetings in Seattle and Doha, CSD, UNEP Governing Council).

Mid 1990's he was working at the Swedish Board of Agriculture mainly on issues relating to genetic resources, gene technology and environmental aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). He was then also part of the EU Expert Working Group on Risk Assessment. He has a Ph.D. in Population Genetics at Stockholm University, Division for Population Genetics. His thesis dealt mainly with genetic variability and the effects of inbreeding in small populations.