

7th of June 2018

Personal data

- Date of birth: 17th June 1954

Education

- Master of Science (majored in physics, University of Oulu, Finland, 1979)
- Further professional training in matters relating to foreign policy, including development co-operation, management and leadership.

Positions of trust

01/2012 – 09/2016

- Vice-chair of the Board of Finnfund (Finnfund is the Development Finance Institution owned by Government of Finland)

09/2015 – 05/2018

- Chair of the Board of Uongozi Institute, Dar es Salaam (Uongozi Institute, financed by the Governments of Tanzania and Finland, promotes African leadership for sustainable development)

Professional career

09/2016 – ongoing

- Ambassador of Finland to South Africa

07/2013 – 08/2016

- Deputy Director-General, Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

9/2011 – 06/2013

- Ambassador, Development Policy Adviser, Department for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

8/2007 – 8/2011

- Ambassador of Finland to Mozambique

5/2002 – 7/2007

- Ambassador of Finland to Vietnam

8/1998 – 4/2002

- Director of the Unit for Southern Africa, Division for Africa and the Middle East Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

7/1995 – 7/1998

- Counsellor, Embassy of Finland, Windhoek, Namibia

8/1992 – 6/1995

- First secretary, Bureau for Sub-Saharan Africa, Department for International Development Co-operation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

7/1990 – 7/1992

- First Secretary, Embassy of Finland, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

7/1988 – 6/1990

- First Secretary, Bureau for Social Development, Department for International Development Co-operation. Ministry for Foreign Affairs

11/1985 – 6/1988

- First secretary, Unit for Recruitment, Department for International Development Co-operation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

9/1983 – 9/1985

- Associate Expert in Basic Sciences, Unesco Regional Office for Science and Technology in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya