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**Mr. Jarno Syrjälä has been serving as the Under-Secretary of State for International Trade since 1 September 2023 at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.**

Mr. Syrjälä (born 1964) joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1990. Since then, he has served in various functions at Finland's bilateral missions in Jakarta, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, Washington and Berlin. His most recent post in the Foreign Service was Ambassador in Beijing from 2017 to 2021. During that period, he also was accredited to Mongolia. Before that, he worked as Director General of the Department for Africa and the Middle East from 2013 to 2017. He also served as Ambassador in Riyadh from 2010 to 2013, also accredited to Kuwait, Oman and Yemen.

Since September 2023, Syrjälä is the Representative of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in the Business Finland Board of Directors.

Syrjälä holds the degree of Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Vaasa.

