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Ambassador Satu Mattila-Budich is the Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Canberra. Besides Australia, she is accredited to New Zealand and six other Pacific Islands: Fiji, Papua-New-Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

Before her posting to Canberra, Satu served as the Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. This included the period of Finland's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council. Prior to this, Satu served as the Ambassador of Finland to Singapore from 2007 to 2011. Satu's diplomatic career began with early experience at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the United Nations in New York before her first posting at the Embassy of Finland in New Delhi. Since then, Satu has also served as political counsellor at the Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. and as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in both Tokyo and Geneva.

At the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki, Satu has served inter alia as the Head of Unit for the Northern Dimension (Regional Cooperation), and later chaired the Committee of the Senior Officials during the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States. Satu has also served a short period as the Ambassador for Hybrid Threats at the Political Department of the Ministry.

Before joining the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in December 1983, Satu worked as a researcher at the Alvar Aalto Museum in Jyväskylä, Finland. She still takes an interest in architecture, visual arts, literature and cinema, and enjoys walking with her dog Bruno.

