

Juha Savolainen

Director General

Ministry for Foreign
Affairs of Finland



Current position since September 2024: Director General, Department for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The Department for Development Policy is responsible for Finland's international development policy, overall planning and monitoring of development cooperation, including development and humanitarian financing, as well as quality control and guidance.

Prior to his current position, Juha Savolainen served as Deputy Director General for Development Policy from 2022 to 2024, Director for Southern and Western Africa from 2018 to 2022 and Director for Consular Assistance from 2016 to 2018. He has also held various positions in the Department for Asia and the Americas, the Department for International Trade, as well as in Finland's Embassies in Pretoria and Brasília.

Juha Savolainen has been a career diplomat with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 2002. He holds a Master of Public Affairs degree from Princeton University.

