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Satu Lassila has been working as Finland's Ambassador to Mozambique, Eswatini and Madagascar since 28 December 2024. Ms. Satu Lassila has 30 years of working experience in diplomacy, foreign policy, development cooperation and humanitarian assistance.

Before moving to Maputo, she worked as the Director for the Unit for UN Development Issues at Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Prior to that, she was a Director for Suitable Development and Climate Policy at the MFA. In 2018-2021, she served as the Permanent Representative for FAO, IFAD and WFP at the Embassy of Finland in Rome, Italy. In the MFA, she has also worked as Senior Humanitarian Adviser and Senior Gender Adviser.

In 2014-2015, she was assigned to UN Women as a Senior Adviser to the Deputy Executive Director. Prior to joining the Ministry, Ms. Lassila worked for the UN World Food Programme in various duty stations in Africa and Asia. She also has plenty of experience in working with development NGOs.

Ms. Lassila has specialized in food, nutrition and livelihoods security, humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction, climate issue, innovation, gender equality and disability inclusion. She has extensive field experience from Kenya, Uganda, South-Sudan, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Indonesia and Brazil. Ms. Lassila holds a Master of Arts in Gender and Development, from the University of Sussex, Institute of Development Studies. She also has a Master of Arts degree in Social Sciences from the University of Tampere, Finland.

