

# Leena Viljanen

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**Leena Viljanen is the Ambassador of Finland to Namibia since September 2021.**

Ambassador Viljanen joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1990. Prior to her appointment as Ambassador, she represented Finland in the Board of Executive Directors at the Asian Development Bank in Manila, The Philippines (2018-2021). She has an extensive experience in working with the International Development Financing Institutions and represented Finland also in the Board of Executive Directors at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington D.C. (2008-2011).

Ambassador Viljanen has held numerous positions at the Ministry, such as Director for South Asia, Director for Civil Society Organizations and Counsellor for the World Bank, involving political, economic and cultural relations as well as international development. She has also served as Head of Development Cooperation in Finland's Embassy in Kenya and as Deputy Head of Mission in Indonesia, and been seconded to Inter-American Investment Corporation as an expert for technology transfer and innovation programs in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ambassador Viljanen graduated as Master of Political Science from Åbo Akademi in 1988.

She is married and has an adult daughter. In her free time her greatest passion is to explore, experience and learn about the peoples, culture and nature of all the different corners of the world.

