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Anna-Kaisa Heikkinen has been working as the Director General of the Department for Africa, the Middle East and Latin America since September 2024. Before this, she worked as Finland's Ambassador to Mozambique, Eswatini and Madagascar in 2020-2024, and as Finland's Ambassador to Palestine in 2017-2020. Prior to that, Ms. Heikkinen worked in the Prime Minister's Office as the diplomatic advisor to Finland's Prime Minister in 2014-2017.

In the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ms. Heikkinen has earlier also worked, among others, as the deputy head of the Unit for Russia, as well as the editor of the Ministry's trade policy magazine Kauppapolitiikka. Her earlier foreign postings include New Delhi, Moscow and Petrozavodsk. She joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 2003. Prior to that, she worked in the field of communications.

Ms. Heikkinen holds a M. Soc. Sc. degree in international relations from the University of Tampere in Finland. Besides her native Finnish, she works in English, Swedish, German, Portuguese, Russian, French, Hindi and Arabic. Ms. Heikkinen has authored a textbook of Hindi for Finnish-speaking students.

Anna-Kaisa Heikkinen was born in 1974. She spends her free time with sports and nature, music and other culture, as well as language books.

