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Mr. Pasi Hellman is Under-Secretary of State for International Development at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland since September 2022.

Mr. Hellman has a 30 year international career focusing on the nexus of international relations, global and development issues, sustainable finance, and business internationalization. He is a career diplomat in the Finnish foreign service since 1995 and has also served in full-time top positions in international financial institutions for nine years .

Before his current position, Mr Hellman was Finland's Consul General in Shanghai, China (2019-2022), with the responsibility to also cover four neighbouring provinces of Shanghai. He was Managing Director in the Nordic Development Fund in Helsinki (2012-18), and has served in the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank in Manila, the Philippines (2004-07). In Finland's foreign service he has held key positions at the Ministry, including Deputy Director General at the Department for Development Policy, Director for International Financial Institutions Division, and Adviser to the Minister for International Development. He has also worked at the Finnish embassies in the Netherlands and in Kenya.

Mr. Hellman has wide experience of board level positions in national and international financial and other institutions, most notably in the African Guarantee Fund, UNU/WIDER, and as Finland's Governor or Alternate Governor in various international financial institutions (AfDB, ADB, IDB, IFAD). Throughout his career collaboration and synergies between the public and the private sector have been key guiding principles in his work.

Mr. Hellman is a graduate of the Turku School of Economics (currently part of the University of Turku) in Finland, where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (International Business) in 1996 and Master of Science in Economics in 1991.

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