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**Ambassador Pirkka Tapiola is the Ambassador of Finland to Kenya, Somalia, Eritrea and the Seychelles, Ambassador-designate to Uganda, and Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations Environment Programme (*UNEP*) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (*UN HABITAT*), since September 2021.**

A three-decade veteran of diplomacy, Ambassador Tapiola has had a career in both the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the European Union (EU). In addition, he also worked for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). His past positions include serving as EU Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand and EU Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, as well Senior Advisor to Dr Javier Solana, when the latter served as High Representative of the EU for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. In the Finnish Foreign Service, Ambassador Tapiola served earlier in his career at the Finnish Embassies in Thailand and Ukraine, as well as at Headquarters in Helsinki. He also worked at the OSCE Mission to Latvia in the mid-1990s.

Ambassador Tapiola was born in 1970 in Helsinki, Finland. He holds a Masters in Political Science (*International Relations*) from the University of Helsinki. Ambassador Tapiola is married and has three adult children.

