

# Anu Saxén

**Finnish Ambassador to  
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Mrs. Saxén joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in October 2001 after a long career with Finnish private companies such as Jaakko Pöyry in different international business development and managerial positions.

In the Ministry her responsibilities have focused on African policies, results-based management, aid for trade as well as planning and management of Ministry's evaluation functions. She has acted as Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of mission at the Finnish Embassy in South Africa, Director of Evaluation Unit and several Counsellor positions in the Department for Africa and the Middle East.

Mrs. Saxén has served as the Director of Technical Assistance office in the European Commission and as Senior Land Administration Specialist at the World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C. During her career she has lived and worked in several African countries.

Mrs. Saxén was born in Helsinki. She has graduated from the Aalto University in 1983 with the M.Sc. in Land and Real Estate Management. In 2021, the President of Finland made her the Knight, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland. She enjoys spending as much time as possible at her lakeside house in the Southern Finland.

