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Ambassador Okko-Pekka Salmimies represents Finland in thirteen Western US states as Consul General of Finland in Los Angeles since September 2021.

Mr. Salmimies is an expert in international trade and economy-related questions. He joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1997.

Salmimies served previously as Ambassador and Head of Mission at the Permanent Delegations of Finland to the OECD and to UNESCO in Paris, Ambassador for Team Finland (export and investment promotion), Director of Trade Policy, and Director for Civil Society. With the Ministry, he also served as Head of Cabinet and Diplomatic Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Trade, Development and European Affairs and Desk Officer for trade policy and transatlantic relations at the EU Delegation of Finland in Brussels.

Prior to his current posting in Los Angeles, Mr. Salmimies was Visiting Senior Fellow at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs in Helsinki. His research focused on foreign policy issues related to international trade, technology, transatlantic relations, and sustainable development.

Mr. Salmimies was born in 1967 in Helsinki. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Helsinki, which he obtained in 1993. He has also studied at Ludwig Maximilians Universität in München. He is married with three children.

