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Mr. Antti Rautavaara is Finland's Special Envoy for Water.

As Special Envoy he is an advocate of Water at the Political Department of Foreign Ministry uniting Finnish water society to work Together with national and international partners towards Water Secure World by 2030.

Antti holds strong hands on experience of international water affairs in political, peace mediation, development and humanitarian contexts. He has been seasoned through long-term posts in Sweden, China, Ethiopia and Nepal.

He is well aware of insights of water affairs at the Horn of Africa through his tenure as First Secretary at the Embassy of Finland in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In China he was with UNDP based at Tumen River Commission serving five northeastern Asia countries. He has also acted as UNICEF WASH Chief leading the humanitarian coordination and response for over 4 million people in Nepal during Gorkha Earthquake 2015.

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