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Ilkka-Pekka Similä is the Ambassador of Finland to the Kingdom of the Netherlands since 1st September 2022. Before his move to the Netherlands, he was the Director General of the Department for International Trade at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland, and Director General of the Department for External Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland.

Similä has previously served as Finland's Ambassador in Vietnam and the United Arab Emirates. His career in the Diplomatic Service includes posts in Geneva, Cairo and Vienna. He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1989.

Similä is married with two adult sons. He has a Master of Political Science from the University of Turku. His military rank is First Lieutenant (res.). Similä speaks Finnish (native), English, Swedish, German and French, and is learning Dutch.

