

Riikka Eela

Ambassador of Finland to Egypt

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Ambassador Riikka Eela is the Finnish Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt

Prior to this she has served as:

- Director for the Middle East (2019–2024)
- Senior Advisor for migration and returns (2018–2019)
- Service in the Ministry of Defence, Department for Defence Policy (2017–2018)
- Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Finland in Rome (2013–2017)
- Head of the Middle East Peace Process Team (2007–2013)
- First Secretary, Embassy of Finland in Berlin (2002–2007)
- Temporary assignment at the Embassy of Finland in Tel Aviv (Aug–Dec 2006)

Earlier in her diplomatic career, Ms. Eela worked i.a. with Gulf and EU Enlargement issues (2001-2002). Prior to joining the Ministry, Ms. Eela worked as a researcher at the State Technical Research Center (VTT), specializing in Technology policy.

Ms. Eela has a master's degree in Political Science (University of Helsinki, 1999). In 2023, she participated in the 246th National Defence Course, organized by the Finnish Defence Forces. In 2015 she completed the Generals, Flag Officers and Ambassadors' Course organized by the NATO Defense College.

Ms. Eela's native language is Finnish and she is fluent in English and German. She also speaks Swedish, Estonian and Italian.

