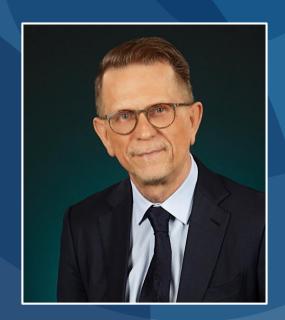
Pekka Metso

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Ambassador Pekka Metso is currently Finland's Ambassador in South Korea. His previous experience from Asia relates to the years 2002-2007 when he was leading the Unit for Asia and Oceania at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki. In 2006 he acted as the COASI Capital leader during the Finnish Presidency of the European Union. Among other things he lead the European Union's Regional Directors' Troika to Nepal and Bhutan in 2006 and participated in different Asia-Europe Meetings (ASEM).

Ambassador Metso has worked for the Finnish Foreign Ministry from 1987 serving in several foreign postings: twice in Geneva, in Oslo, Warsaw, New York and Liubliana.

Ambassador Metso's three postings relate to the United Nations Affairs (New York, Geneva). He served in New York when Finland was a member of the UN Security Council 1989-90. In Geneva he acted as the Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations 2007-2011.

Ambassador Metso's other geographical experience comes from Western Balkans where he acted as the Finnish Ambassador to both Slovenia as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2011-2015.

Thematically he has worked in various fields of diplomacy – most prominently with Human Rights and Peace Building. On the latter he concentrated in the dialogues and mediation between religions.

