

# Pekka Metso

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Ambassador Pekka Metso has been working as Finland's Ambassador in Republic of South Korea since September 2020.

He has recently been appointed as Ambassador Designate to Republic of South Africa. There he is expected to take this position as of September 1, 2024.

Ambassador Metso has been working for the Finnish Foreign Ministry from 1987 onwards serving in several foreign postings: twice in Geneva, in Oslo, Warsaw, New York, Ljubljana and most recently in Seoul.

Ambassador Metso was leading the Unit for Asia and Oceania at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki in 2002-2007.

Three of Ambassador Metso's postings have related 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 geographical experience – besides Asia - 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.

During his bilateral postings as Ambassador he has acted as the Team Finland Country Manager being responsible for various tasks of trade and economy cooperation promotion.

