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Johanna Karanko is the Ambassador of Finland to Brazil since September 1, 2022.

Prior to her current post, Ms. Karanko served as Consul-General of Finland to Hong Kong and Macao (2018-2022). Between 2013-2018, she held the following positions at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs: Director for Sustainable Development and Climate Policy, Director for UN Development Affairs and Team leader for the World Bank. At the Ministry, Ms. Karanko has also worked with European Affairs.

During her career, Ms. Karanko has served at the Permanent Representations of Finland to the UN in New York as Political Coordinator (2009-2013) and in Geneva (2000-2004) as well as at the Finnish Embassies in Paris (2007-2009) and in Caracas (1997-2000). Karanko joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1996.

In 2020, Ms. Karanko received the “the Ambassador Prize” of the Confederation of Finnish Industries for work promoting Finnish business interests in Hong Kong.

She holds a Master Degree in Economics from the Hanken School of Economics in Finland and a diploma from Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA) in France. Ms. Karanko speaks Finnish, English, Swedish, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Ms. Karanko has an adult son. She enjoys hiking and yoga, the arts and travelling.

