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**Leena Pylvänäinen is Ambassador of Finland to Nigeria and to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), with concurrent accreditation to Ghana, Liberia and Benin, since September 2021.**

Prior to her present posting she was Director for Arms Control at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in Helsinki, and before that, Team Leader for EU Common Security and Defence Policy, also in Helsinki.

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Leena Pylvänäinen has studied at the universities of Helsinki, Edinburgh and Würzburg. She holds a Master's in Social Sciences from the University of Helsinki, where she held a position as Assistant Lecturer in political history 1996–1997.

In her free time, she enjoys reading, music, cinema and backpack travel. Other passions include architecture and design.

