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**Ambassador Ilkka Räisänen is a Finnish Diplomat who commenced his career at the MFA of Finland in 1992.**

After completing his assignment as the Finnish Ambassador to Kazakhstan (2013-2017) he joined the Alternate Board Director at the Resident Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in London (2018-2021). Since February 2022 he has been the Helsinki Resident Ambassador for Central Asia – Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

Prior to the MFA career he has served as an expert for the United Nations at the UNDP/UNIPO office in México and in private and local community sectors. During his long MFA career he has served in several posts in the MFA of Finland in Helsinki, in the Embassies of Finland in Nairobi, Buenos Aires, Washington, at the Minsk Liaison Office and at the Consulate General in Saint Petersburg.

He holds a post-graduate Licentiate of Science Degree and a Master's of Science Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Tampere. He has fluent language skills in Finnish, Swedish, English and Russian. He is married and has three children.

