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**Mr Okko-Pekka Salmimies is the Ambassador of Finland to Switzerland and Liechtenstein since September 2025.**

Mr Salmimies joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1997. Prior to his current posting in Bern, he was Consul General in Los Angeles, representing Finland in thirteen western US states.

Previously he had held the positions of Ambassador and Head of Mission at the Permanent Delegations of Finland to the OECD and to UNESCO in Paris, Ambassador for Team Finland (export and investment promotion), Director of Trade Policy, and Director for Civil Society.

With the Ministry, he also served as Head of Cabinet and Diplomatic Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Trade, Development and European Affairs, and as Desk Officer for trade policy and transatlantic relations at the EU Delegation of Finland in Brussels.

He has also served as Visiting Senior Fellow at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs FIIA in Helsinki, where his research focused on foreign policy issues related to international trade, technology, transatlantic relations, and sustainable development.

Okko-Pekka Salmimies was born in 1967 in Helsinki. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Helsinki, which he obtained in 1993. He has also studied at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in München. He is married to Riikka Tiitola-Salmimies and they have three children.

