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Ms. Saana Halinen is Ambassador of Finland to the Republic of Zambia, the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of Malawi.

Before her current position, she served as the Director of the Unit for Sectoral Policy at the Department for Development Policy (2016-2022) and as the Editor-In-Chief of 'Kauppapolitiikka' (Trade Policy) journal of the MFA (2015-2016). Ms. Halinen has worked for the Finnish Foreign Service for over 20 years in various positions covering multilateral issues, human resources and regional issues (Africa, Asia, Latin America). She has previous Africa experience from her postings in Mozambique as the Head of Cooperation and Deputy Head of Mission (2012-2015) as well as from Tanzania (2005-2007).

Ms. Halinen was born in Karhula, Finland in 1976. She graduated from the University of Helsinki in 2002 with a Master's degree in Economic and Social History, including studies also in International relations as well Development Studies and Economics. When off-duty, Ms. Halinen is a passionate knitter, enjoys the outdoors and has a soft spot for Finnish rock music.

