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

Mr Salmimies is an expert in international trade and economy-related questions. He 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 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.

Before that, 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.

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 with three children.

