

Biography of Ambassador Hannu Halinen

Ambassador Hannu Halinen is, since 2015, Special Advisor to the Director General/CEO of International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and Co-chair of the IIASA Arctic Futures Initiative. He has been serving in the Finnish Foreign Service from 1973 until 2015. During this time he has been posted to Ottawa, Budapest, New York, Rome, Berlin, and Cairo. He was Ambassador of Finland in Germany, Hungary, Egypt and Sudan. He has wide experience in multilateral diplomacy (UN Mission in New York, Permanent Representative in FAO and International Organizations in Rome, UN Special Rapporteur on Occupied Palestinian Territories). At the Ministry for Foreign Affairs he has been Ambassador for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and finally Arctic Ambassador of Finland and Senior Arctic Official at the Arctic Council from 2009 to 2015. Ambassador Halinen has a Master of Law degree from the University of Helsinki (1973).