Curriculum Vitae



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Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 1968

President of the Republic of Finland 1.3.2000–1.3.2012

Minister for Foreign Affairs 1995–2000

Minister of Justice 1990–1991

Minister for Nordic Cooperation 1989–1991

Minister at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, incl. Minister for Equality 1987–1990

Member of Parliament 1979–2000

Chairman of the Parliamentary Grand Committee 1995

Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Law Committee 1991–1994

Chairman of the Parliamentary Social Affairs Committee 1984–1986

Member of the Helsinki City Council 1977–1996

Prime Minister's parliamentary secretary 1974–1975

Lawyer with the Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions SAK 1970–1974 and 1975–1979

Social Affairs Secretary and Organizational Secretary of the National Union of Finnish Students 1969–1970

Current Honorary Positions:

- UN Women Leaders Network, Member, 2024-
- Global Women Leaders Voices (GWL), Member 2023-
- The Empress Theophano Prize, Member of the Advisory Board 2020–
- Harvard Kennedy School, The Arctic Initiative, Member of the International Advisory Board 2020–
- Sitra, Member of the Board of Directors 2020–
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), Member 2019–
- The Stadium Foundation, Chair of the Advisory Board 2018–
- UN Secretary General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation, Member 2017–
- Earth Day Network, Member, 2016–
- United Nations Global Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), 2015–
- Alpbach-Laxenburg Group, Member 2014–

- Council of Women World Leaders, Member
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Member of the Leadership Council 2014–
- Nizami Ganjavi International Center, Member of the Board 2013–
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Land Ambassador 2013–
- Club de Madrid, Member 2012–
- Club of Rome, Member 2012–
- Global Leaders' Council for Reproductive Health, Member 2010–
- Aspen Ministers Forum, Member
- InterAction Council, Member

Ended Honorary Positions

Past Honorary Positions After Presidential Term

- The Lancet Commission on peaceful societies through health equity and gender equality, 2019-2023
- Finnish National Gallery, Chairperson 2015– 2024
- Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, Member of the Board of Trustees 2009–2024
- Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company, Member of the Board 2016–2022
- WHO Euro's Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, Member 2020–2021
- Making an Impact with Equality Acts, Chairperson of the High-Level Forum 2018–2021

  The 100 Acts for Gender Equality program, Chair of the Honorary Committee 2016–2017
- University of Helsinki, Chairperson 2018–2021
- High-Level Advisory Group for Every Woman Every Child and the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health, Alternate Co-Chair 2016–2021
- Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, Chair of the Board of Trustees 2018–2020
- World Commission on Forced Displacement, Member 2017–2019
- WWF Finland, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees 2013–2019
- Mary Robinson Foundation Climate Justice Dialogue Advisory Committee, Member
- Fundación Mujeres por Africa, Member of the Advisory Council
- The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Member of the Board of Trustees
- High-Level Working Group on Health & Human Rights, Co-Chair 2016–2017
- Committee of Åland, Chairperson 2013–2017
- Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), Global Board of Advisers, Member 2013–2017
- European Council on Foreign Relations, Member 2013–2017

- The World Bank World Development Report 2017 Advisory Group, Member 2015–2016
- UN High-Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Co-Chair 2012–2016
- Aspen Food Security Strategy Group, Member 2013–2015
- Global Dryland Alliance, Advisory Board, Member 2012–2013

Honorary Positions During Presidential Term

- Council of Women World Leaders, Chairperson 2009–2014
- UNCTAD Eminent Persons Panel, Co-Chair 2011–2013, Member 2005–2006
- UN High-Level Panel for Global Sustainability, Co-Chair 2010–2012
- Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, Member of the Board 2006–2009
- UNCTAD Member of the *Wise Persons Group* 2005–2006
- ILO World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, Co-Chair 2002–2004

Honorary degrees

- Kazan Federal University, Tatarstan, Russia, 2010
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of Philosophy, 2010
- Theatre Academy Helsinki, 2009
- Umeå University, 2009
- University of Minnesota Duluth, 2008
- Helsinki University of Technology, 2008
- State University of Yerevan, Armenia, 2005
- University of Tartu, Estonia, 2004
- University of Bluefields, Nicaragua, 2004
- University of Turku, Faculty of Law, 2003
- Finlandia University, USA, 2003
- Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing, 2002
- ELTE University, Hungary, 2002
- University of Kent, U.K., 2002
- Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea, 2002
- Helsinki School of Economics, 2001
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law, 2000