

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Tarja Kaarina Halonen**

Born 24.12.1943

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 (off duty 1979–2000)

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

Member of The Social Democratic Party of Finland 1971–2000, 2012–



### **Current Honorary Positions:**

- UN Women Leaders Network, member 2024-
- The Empress Theophano Prize, Member of Advisory Board 2020–
- Harvard Kennedy School, The Arctic Initiative, Member of International Advisory Board 2020–
- Sitra, Member of the Board 2020–
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), Group of Eminent persons 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, Board of Directors 2016–
- The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Board of Trustees 2015–
- United Nations Global Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) 2015–
- Council of Women Leaders, Chair 2009-2014, Member 2014–
- Alpbach-Laxenburg Group, Member 2014–
- Aspen Ministers Forum, Member
- InterAction Council, Member
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Member of Leadership Council 2014–
- Club of Rome, Member 2014–
- Nizami Ganjavi International Center, Member of Board of Trustees 2013–
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Land Ambassador 2013–
- Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice Dialogue, Advisory Board member 2013–
- Club de Madrid - World Leadership Alliance, Member 2012–
- Fundación Mujeres por Africa, Advisory Council, Member 2012–
- UNESCO High Level Panel on Girls’ and Women’s Education for Empowerment and Gender Equality, Member 2011–
- Global Leaders’ Council for Reproductive Health, Member 2010–

## **Past Honorary Positions After Presidential Term**

- WHO Euro's Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, Member 2020–2021
- Lancet-SIGHT Commission, Chairperson 2019–2023
- Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company, Member of Board 2016–2022
- Finnish National Gallery, Chairperson 2015–2023
- Aspen Food Security Strategy Group, Member 2013–2015
- University of Helsinki, Chairperson 2018–2021
- Making an Impact with Equality Acts, Chairperson of the High-Level Forum 2018–2021
- The World Commission on Forced Displacement, Member 2017–2019
- The 100 Acts for Gender Equality program, Chair of the Honorary Committee 2016–2017
- High-Level Working group on Health & Human Rights, Co-chair 2016–2017
- WWF Finland, Chairperson of Supervisory Board 2013–2019
- Committee of Ahvenanmaa, Chairperson 2013–2017
- Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), Global Board of Advisers, Member 2013–2017
- European Council on Foreign Relations, Member 2013–2017
- High-Level Task Force for the ICPD, Co-chair 2012–2016
- Every Woman Every Child and the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health, High-Level Advisory Group, Alternate co-chair 2016–2021
- The World Bank World Development Report 2017, Advisory Group Member 2015–2016
- Harvard Kennedy School – Visiting Lecturer (Angelopoulos Fellow; 6 months) 2015
- Global Dryland Alliance, Advisory Board Member 2012–2013
- Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, Chair of the Board 2018–2019, Member of Board of Trustees 2009–2018, Member of the Board 2006–2023

## **Honorary Positions During Presidential Term**

- Council of Women World Leaders, Chairperson 2009–2014, member 2014–
- UNCTAD Eminent Persons Panel, Co-Chair 2011–2013, Member 2005–2006
- UN High-level Panel on Global Sustainability, (Co-)Chair 2010–2012
- Global Leaders' Council for Reproductive Health, Member 2010–
- 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, Sweden, 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