

Curriculum Vitae

Tarja Kaarina Halonen

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

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



Current Honorary Positions:

- The Empress Theophano Prize, Member of Advisory Board 2020–
- Harvard Kennedy School, The Arctic Initiative, Member of International Advisory Board 2020–
- Sitra, Member 2020–
- WHO Euro's Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development, Member 2020–
- Lancet-SIGHT Commission, Chairperson 2019–
- Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, Chair of the Board 2018–
Member of Board of Trustees 2009–2018, Member of the Board 2006–2009
- The Stadium Foundation, Chair of the Advisory Board 2018–
- University of Helsinki, Chairperson 2018–
- Making an Impact with Equality Acts, Chairperson of the High-Level Forum 2018–
The 100 Acts for Gender Equality program, Chair of the Honorary Committee 2016–2017
- UN Secretary General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation, Member 2017–

- Earth Day Network, Member 2016–
- 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–
- Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company, Member of Board 2016–
- The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Member 2015–
- Finnish National Gallery, Chairperson 2015–
- United Nations Global Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), 2015–
- Alpbach-Laxenburg Group, Member 2014–
- Council of Women Leaders, Member 2014–
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Member of Leadership Council 2014–
- Nizami Ganjavi International Center, Member of Board 2013–
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Land Ambassador 2013–
- WWF Finland, Chairperson of Supervisory Board 2013–
- Club de Madrid, Member 2012–
- Club of Rome, Member 2012–
- Aspen Ministers Forum, Member
- InterAction Council, Member

Past Honorary Positions After Presidential Term

- 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
- The World Bank World Development Report 2017 Advisory Group, Member 2015–2017
- Health & Human Rights Working group, Co-chair 2016–2017
- High-Level Task Force for the ICPD, Co-chair 2012–2016
- Aspen Food Security Strategy Group, Member 2013–2015
- UNCTAD Panel of Eminent Persons, Co-Chair 2012–2013
- UN High-level Panel on Global Sustainability, Co-Chair 2010–2012
- Fundación Mujeres por Africa, Advisory Council, Member 2012–
- Mary Robinson Foundation Climate Justice Dialogue Advisory Committee, Member 2013–
- UNESCO High Level Panel on Girls’ and Women’s Education for Empowerment and Gender Equality, Member 2011–

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 Panel for Global Sustainable Development, Chairperson 2010–2012
- UNCTAD Member of the Wise Persons Group 2005–2006
- ILO World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, Co-Chair 2002–2004
- 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–

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