



Petteri Taalas

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Professor Petteri Taalas was appointed in May 2015 as the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and again in June 2019 for 2 consecutive four year mandates (2016 to 2019 and 2020 to 2023). He was born in 1961 in Helsinki, Finland. He holds a PhD in Meteorology (Helsinki University, Physics department 1993, Univ. of Eastern Finland: meteorology, physics, physical chemistry and international development)

Before joining WMO he was the Director-General of the Finnish Meteorological Institute 2002-2005, 2007-2015 (National weather, climate and marine Institute).

He has also held positions in International development and scientific fields: Director of Development and Regional Activities Department of WMO, Geneva 2005-2007, Research professor on Remote Sensing/FMI 2000-2002, Senior scientist/scientist at the FMI 1986-1999