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Eric Trachtenberg is the Executive Director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) where he provides strategic leadership to serve the cotton and textile community through promotion, knowledge sharing, innovation, partnerships, and by providing a forum for discussion of cotton issues of international significance.

Before coming to ICAC, he led design and oversight of investments to improve food security, support agricultural transformation, and strengthen land productivity at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). To date, 22 of MCC's compacts have included food security-related investments totaling over \$5 billion, including investments in improving land governance in over 15 countries.

His earlier background includes 15 years' service with USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) including diplomatic assignments in the Russian Federation, China, and Taiwan and founding the agricultural practice at McLarty Associates, a global strategic advisory firm.

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