



The ICAC's 80th Plenary Meeting



Mr Kai Hughes

Kai Hughes is the Executive Director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), based in Washington DC, USA. He is the 7th Executive Director to be selected by member governments in the history of the Committee since its formation in 1939.

After an eclectic career as an officer in the Royal Navy and the Ministry of Defence spanning 20 years he joined the Liverpool Cotton Association as its General Manager and Head of Arbitration before leaving to become The University Secretary of the UK's second largest university in charge of administration, legal services and governance.

In 2008 he returned to cotton to become the Managing Director/CEO of the International Cotton Association based in Liverpool and was also instrumental in the formation of ICA Bremen, a joint venture cotton testing, research and quality training centre formed with the Bremen Baumwollboerse and was its first Managing Director. During that time, Kai also represented the Republic of Estonia as its Consul and was President of the Liverpool Consular Corps.

Mr Hughes has a BA (Hons) in Psychology and an MBA from the Manchester Metropolitan University Business School.