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Sara Aviel leads the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), a U.S. government agency that advances U.S. national security interests by providing direct funding and technical assistance to locally-led organizations across Latin America and the Caribbean, leveraging coinvestment from grantees and partners to multiply the impact of taxpayer funds. During her tenure, Aviel has focused on driving efficiency, deepening alignment with U.S. strategic interests, and catalyzing more resources for development via innovative financing tools.

Aviel brings to her role as the IAF's President & CEO, a non-political position, more than two decades of experience in the international development field spanning the U.S. government, the private sector, and academic institutions. Prior to joining the IAF, Aviel served as a senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, focusing on international development policy. Aviel has held numerous senior positions with the U.S. government, including serving as a Senior Advisor in the Treasury Department and Director for International Economic Affairs for both the National Security Council and National Economic Council. She served on the executive boards of the World Bank Group institutions and managed operations at the Office of Management and Budget, with a focus on foreign assistance.

Earlier in her career, Aviel worked on international development issues in Afghanistan and Kosovo as well as throughout the Middle East and Africa with organizations including CARE, Mercy Corps, and Root Capital. Aviel also has served as a Lecturer on international development and humanitarian relief at Yale University.

Aviel received an M.B.A, as well as M.A. and B.A. degrees in Political Science, from Yale University.