



ITMF Annual Conference & IAF World Fashion Convention

Samarkand, Uzbekistan
September 8-10, 2024

**“Innovation, Cooperation &
Regulation**

**–
Drivers of the
Textile & Apparel Industry”**

by ITMF invitation
by IAF invitation
combined program

Conference Programme
(as of September 9, 2024)

Saturday, September 7

13.00 – 19.00	ITMF-IAF Secretariat / Registration UZTS Secretariat (Congress Center - entrance on the water side)		
14.00 – 15.30	ITMF Directors Meeting (Three Kingdoms, 1 st Floor, Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel) Directors of ITMF member associations, associate, and corporate members - by invitation only -	14.00 – 15.30	IAF Board of Directors Meeting (Red Mansion, 1 st Floor, Silkroad by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only -
16.00 – 17.30	ITMF Board Meeting (Three Kingdoms, 1 st Floor, Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel) Board Members and Past Presidents - by invitation only -	16.00 – 17.00	IAF General Assembly (Red Mansion, 1 st Floor, Silkroad by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only -
18.30 – 19.30	Reception (Hilton Regency, Restaurant “Four Seasons”) ITMF & IAF & UZTS Board Members and open to all delegates/speakers already in Samarkand		
19.30 – 22.00	Buffet Dinner (Hilton Regency, Restaurant “Four Seasons”) - open to all delegates/speakers already in Samarkand –		

Sunday, September 8

10.00 – 19.00	ITMF-IAF Secretariat / Registration UZTS Secretariat (Congress Center - entrance on the water side)		
08.30 – 10.00	Spinners Committee Meeting (Three Kingdoms, 1 st Floor, Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only –	09.00 – 10.30	Sustainability Committee Meeting (Red Mansion, 1 st Floor, Silkroad by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only -
10.30 – 11.30	Technical Textile Committee (Three Kingdoms, 1 st Floor, Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only –	10.30 – 12.00	Business Innovation Committee (Red Mansion, 1 st Floor, Silkroad by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only -
12.45 – 14.30	<u>Fiber Session – Cotton</u> (Grand Hall, Congress Center) Moderator: Muhammad Anees Khawaja , Mahmood Group MG Apparel, Pakistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>From farm to fashion</u> Uday Gill, Indorama Corp., Singapore • <u>What's current in US cotton?</u> Nezihi Aslankeser, Cotton Council International, Türkiye • <u>Resurgence of the cotton value chain in West Africa</u> Rama Janarthanan, Arise, UAE • <u>Much motion, but little progress: 50 years of change in the world cotton industry</u> Terry Townsend, Cotton Analytics, USA • <u>Better Cotton in Uzbekistan</u> Corin Wood-Jones, Better Cotton, Switzerland Panel Discussion / Q&A		
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee Break (Lobby, Congress Center)		
15.00 – 16:15	<u>Fiber Session – Man-made Fibers</u> Moderator: Stefan Hutter , Saentis Textiles, Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Challenges and progress in evolution of the worldwide fibre markets</u> Alexei Sinitsa, Wood Mackenzie, Germany • <u>Polyester: the magical fibre</u> Ajay Sardana, Reliance, India • <u>Will there be a supply gap for natural fibres?</u> Florian Heubrandner, Lenzing, Austria Panel Discussion / Q&A		
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee Break (Lobby, Congress Center)		

<p>16.45 – 17.30</p>	<p><u>Audit Fatigue-Session – Progress Made & Way Forward</u></p> <p>Moderator: Anne Sutanto, Pan Brothers, Indonesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SLCP – a tool to reduce audit fatigue and to cope with upcoming legislation</u> Janet Mensink, SLCP, Netherlands • <u>A manufacturer addressing audit fatigue</u> Michael Cai, Décor, China • <u>Entering a new era of social compliance in global supply chains</u> Nate Herman, AAFA, USA <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
<p>18:30 – 19.00 19:00 - 22:00</p>	<p>Reception Hilton Regency Hotel, Four Seasons Restaurant</p> <p>Welcome Dinner at “Four Seasons” Restaurant, Hilton Regency Hotel</p>

Monday, September 9

08.00 – 19.00	<p>ITMF-IAF-UZTS Secretariat / Registration</p> <p>(Congress Center - entrance on the water side)</p>
09.00 – 10.15	<p><u>Welcome Session</u></p> <p><u>Keynote Addresses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamshid Khodjaev, Deputy Prime Minister, Uzbekistan • Erkinjon Turdimov, Governor of Samarkand Region, Uzbekistan • Davron Vakhobov, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan <p><u>Welcome Addresses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. V. Srinivasan, President, ITMF • Cem Altan, President, IAF • Mirmukhsin Sultanov, Chairman, UZTS
10.15 – 10.45	<p>Coffee Break (Lobby, Congress Center)</p>
10.45 – 12.15	<p><u>1st General Session: Textile & Apparel Industry in Uzbekistan</u></p> <p>Moderator: Aziz Akhbarov, Samarkand Apparel, Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Youngone's experience in Uzbekistan</u> Kihak Sung, Youngone, Korea • <u>Promotion of sustainable enterprises in Uzbekistan's textile and apparel industry</u> Abu Yousuf, Better Work, Uzbekistan • <u>Uzbekistan - a giant in the making?</u> Karim Shafei, Gherzi, Switzerland • <u>From tradition to innovation - how Uzbekistan is expanding its textile horizons</u> Muzaffar Razakov, Global Textile, Uzbekistan • <u>How Efficient Operations Drive Rapid Success in Textiles</u> Jamshid Ismatullaev, CEO and Owner of Chust Textile, Uzbekistan • <u>Uzbekistan textile industry overview</u> Mirmukhsin Sultanov, UZTS, Uzbekistan <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>

12.15 – 13.30	Lunch (Sun Hall, Congress Center)
13.30 – 15.00	<p><u>2nd General Session: Sustainability & Regulation</u></p> <p>Moderator: Mustafa Denizer, Diktas, Türkiye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>EU sustainable textile strategy & prospects for global cooperation</u> Dirk Vantghem, Euratex, Belgium • <u>Circular economy initiatives of textile industry in Japan</u> Kenichi Tomiyoshi, JTF, Japan • <u>An update from China</u> Yan Yan, CNTAC, China • <u>U.S. regulatory forecast for 2025 and beyond</u> Steve Lamar, AAFA, USA <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break (Lobby, Congress Center)
15.30 – 16.15	<p><u>3rd General Session: Digitalization</u></p> <p>Moderator: Stefano Festa Marzotto, Miles Manifattura, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Digital labeling – the future of garment labeling</u> Nate Herman, AAFA, USA • <u>Material digitalization & distribution – easy execution, full impact</u> Christian Lott, DMix, Germany <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
16.15 – 17.00	<p><u>4th General Session: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Textile Value Chain</u></p> <p>Moderator: Rafael Cervone, ABIT, Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AI in textiles – addressing the skills shortage worldwide</u> Thomas Gries, ITA Group, Germany • <u>AI in the textile and fashion value chain</u> Povilas Sugintas, Euromonitor, UK <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
17.00 – 18.00	<p>World Café “Applying AI for future business models in the textile & fashion value chain” - group discussions and participation in an online survey -</p>
18.30 – 22.30	<p>Gala Dinner at Restaurant “Ayvon” followed by a Visit of Registan Square</p> <p>18.30 20 minutes walk or by bus from the Hilton Regency Hotel 19.00 Gala Dinner Busses depart for Visit of Registan Square 22.15 Departure to the Hilton Regency Hotel</p>

Tuesday, September 10

08.00 – 08.45	ITMF Committee of Management Meeting (Three Kingdoms, 1 st Floor, Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only -	08.00 – 08.45	IAF Committee Meeting of Purchasing Practices (Red Mansion, 1 st Floor, Silkroad by Minyoun Hotel) - by invitation only -
08.00 – 13.00	ITMF-IAF Secretariat / Registration UZTS Secretariat (Congress Center - entrance on the water side)		
09.00 – 10.15	<u>5th General Session: Collaboration</u> Moderator: Fazlee Shamim Ehsan , Fatullah Apparel, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Supply Chain Collaboration</u> Felix Poza Peña, Inditex, Spain • <u>The Future of Global Apparel Sustainability</u> Akila Fernando, Epic Group, Hong Kong, China • <u>Collaboration for waste reduction in the textile industry</u> Femi Akinrebiyo, International Finance Corporation (IFC), USA Panel Discussion / Q&A		
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee Break (Lobby, Congress Center)		
10.45 – 11.45	<u>ITMF Start-up Award Session</u> Moderator: Tae Jin Kang , Seoul National University, Korea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bylon - scalable, melt-spun fibers without oil or waste</u> Oliver Shafaat, Sci-Lume Labs, USA • <u>SYCORE-TEX - materials of topological softgel for ultra-thermal insulation</u> Sining Mao, Sycoretex CAS, China • <u>RE&UP - scalable recycling technologies for high-performance fibres</u> Andreas Dorner, RE&UP Recycling Technologies, Netherlands • <u>Syre hyperscales textile-to-textile recycling</u> Dennis Nobelius, Syre Impact, Sweden Panel Discussion / Q&A		
11.45 – 13.00	<u>ITMF Awards Session</u> Moderator: Juan Pares , Textil Santanderina, Spain <u>Winners of the ITMF Innovation & Sustainability Award 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Low-carbon & sustainable innovation in PET fibre industry</u> Rui Wang, GuoWang High-Technique Fiber Company, China • <u>Hyperscaling HeiQ AeonIQ</u> Carlo Centonze, HeiQ AeonIQ, Switzerland • <u>Infinite plastic recycling: a solution for end-of-life textiles</u> Vanessa Vongsouthi and Matthew Spence, Samsara Eco, Australia 		

	<p><u>Winners of the ITMF International Cooperation Award 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Next generation cellulosic filaments from hemp</u> Marc Vocht, DITF, Germany & Anne Reboux, RBX Creations, France • <u>Open lab</u> Edwin Keh, HKRITA, Hong Kong, China <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
13.00 – 13.15	Invitation to the ITMF Annual Conference 2025 & IAF Global Fashion Convention 2025
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch (Sun Hall, Congress Center)
14.30 – 19.00	<p>Company Visit</p> <p>14.30 Busses depart (from the Congress Center)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samarkand Antep Gilam (SAG) dying process, carpets, weaving fabric, t-shirts - Samarkand Apparel sportswear and t-shirts, ready garment - Daka Intex yarn, knitting fabrics, fabric dyeing, t-shirts <p>2 busses will go to Daka Intex and Samarkand Antep Gilam (SAG) 2 busses will go to Samarkand Apparel and Samarkand Antep Gilam (SAG)</p> <p>19.00 Busses will be back at the Hilton Regency Hotel</p>
Wednesday/Thursday - Sept 11/12	
	<p>Post-Conference Tour to Bukhara</p> <p>see separate Programme</p>