



ITMF Annual Conference 2024 & IAF World Fashion Convention

Samarkand, Uzbekistan
September 8-10, 2024

“Innovation, Cooperation & Regulation

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

Prelim. Conference Programme
(as of July 9, 2024)

by ITMF invitation
by IAF invitation
combined program

Saturday, September 7

10.00 – 19.00	Secretariat / Registration		
14.00 – 15.30	ITMF Board Meeting Board Members and Past Presidents - by invitation only -	14.00 – 15.30	IAF Board of Directors Meeting - by invitation only -
16.00 – 17.00	Directors Meeting Directors of ITMF member associations, associate, and corporate members - by invitation only -	16.00 – 17.00	IAF General Assembly - by invitation only -
18.30 – 19.30	Reception – ITMF & IAF & Uztextileprom Board Members - by invitation only -		
18.30 – 19.30	Reception - open to all delegates/speakers already in Samarkand -		
19.30 – 22.00	Buffet Dinner - open to all delegates/speakers already in Samarkand -		

Sunday, September 8

09.00 – 19.00	Secretariat / Registration		
08.30 – 10.00	Spinners Committee Meeting - by invitation only -	09.00 – 10.30 10.30 – 12.00	Sustainability Committee Meeting - by invitation only - Business Innovation Committee - by invitation only -
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch		
12.45 – 14.30	<u>Fiber Session – Cotton</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nezihi Aslankeser, Cotton Council International, Türkiye • Gagan Gupta, Arise, UAE • Terry Townsend, Cotton Analytics, USA • Uday Gill, Indorama Corp., Singapore • Muzaffar Razakov, Global Textile, Uzbekistan Panel Discussion / Q&A		
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee Break		
15.00 – 16:15	<u>Fiber Session – Man-made Fibers</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexei Sinitsa, Wood Mackenzie, Germany • Ajay Sardana, Reliance, India • Florian Heubrandner, Lenzing, Austria Panel Discussion / Q&A		
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee Break		
16.45 – 17.30	<u>Audit Fatigue-Session – Progress Made & Way Forward</u> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Mensink, SLCP, Netherlands • Michael Cai, Décor, China • N.N. Panel Discussion / Q&A		
19.00 – 23.00	Welcome Dinner at “Eternal City” incl. Open Air Evening Show		

Monday, September 9

08.00 – 19.00	Secretariat / Registration
09.00 – 10.30	<p><u>Welcome Session</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mirmukhsin Sultanov, Chairman, Uztextileprom• K. V. Srinivasan, President, ITMF• Cem Altan, President, IAF <p><u>Keynote Address</u></p> <p>To be announced</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.15	<p><u>1st General Session: Textile & Apparel Industry in Uzbekistan</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abu Yousuf, Better Work, Uzbekistan• Laurent Aucouturier, Gherzi, Switzerland• Maria Teresa Pisani, UNECE, Switzerland (tbc) <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
12.15 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	<p><u>2nd General Session: Sustainability & Regulation</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update from the EU Dirk Vantghem, Euratex, Belgium• An update from Japan Kenichi Tomiyoshi, JTF, Japan• An update from China Yan Yan, CNTAC, China• An update from the USA Steve Lamar, AAFA, USA <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.15	<p><u>3rd General Session: Digitalization</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nate Herman, AAFA, USA • Christian Lott, DMlx, Germany • N.N. <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
16.15 – 17.45	<p><u>4th General Session: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Textile Value Chain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Gries, ITA Group, Germany • Povilas Sugintas, Euromonitor, UK <p>World Café - group discussions and individual participation in an online survey</p>
19.00 – 22.30	<p>Gala Dinner at Restaurant “Buyuk” (Fashion Show) incl. Light on the Registan Square</p>
Tuesday, September 10	
08.15 – 09.00	<p>ITMF Committee of Management Meeting</p>
09.00 – 10.00	<p><u>ITMF Start-up Award Session</u></p> <p>Moderator: Loek de Vries, Bombyx, Netherlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner (to be announced in the 2nd week of July) • Winner (to be announced in the 2nd week of July) • Winner (to be announced in the 2nd week of July) • Winner (to be announced in the 2nd week of July) <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10.30 – 11.45	<p><u>5th General Session: Collaboration</u></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felix Poza Peña, Inditex, Spain • Akila Fernando, Epic Group, Hong Kong, China • Femi Akinrebiyo, International Finance Corporation (IFC), USA <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
11.45 – 12.45	<p><u>ITMF Awards Session</u></p> <p>Moderator: Juan Pares, Textil Santanderina, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners of the ITMF Innovation & Sustainability Award 2024 • Winners of the ITMF International Cooperation Award 2024 <p>Panel Discussion / Q&A</p>
12.45 – 13.00	<p>Invitation to the ITMF Annual Conference 2025 & IAF Global Fashion Convention 2025</p>

13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 19.00	Company Visits
Wednesday/Thursday, September 11/12	
	Post-Conference Excursion to Bukhara – see separate programme