



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 “Diyora” incl. Light & Fashion Show 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