UAE-based textile division of ARISE IIP joins ITMF

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The textile division of ARISE Integrated Industrial Platform (IIP), based in the UAE, has joined the ITMF as a corporate member. ARISE IIP identifies industrial gaps in African countries to unlock value and create new industries. The aim is to industrialise key sectors by creating transformation, maximising production, efficiency, and cost, which in turn generates local value addition.

Arise IIP seeks to boost exports, enable local transformation of raw materials and promote trade by tailor-made special economic zones in Gabon, Benin and Togo. In Benin and Togo Arise IIP will focus at creating value chains for the textile industry – from raw material sourcing to resource transformation through manufacturing, to exporting final products, ITMF said in a press release.

The International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) founded in 1904 is the international forum of the global textile value chain. Its members are from textile and apparel producing countries representing 90 per cent of global production.

"By becoming a corporate member of the ITMF, Arise IIP will benefit from a unique international network, the expertise of ITMF, and an international platform for the global textile value chain where international trends and are discussed. Likewise, ITMF and ITMF's members will benefit from Arise's activities in West Africa," said *Dr Christian Schindler*, *director general of ITMF*.

"By joining ITMF we have access to all major players in the global textile and apparel value chain. The world is getting more and more integrated. Therefore, cooperation along the global textile value chain and understanding its complexity and dynamics are paramount," *Rajaguru Raja*, *CEO of Arise IIP (Textile Division)*, said.

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