

**BRAZIL 2026
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE**
OCTOBER 14 - 15 | FORTALEZA

Hosted by:



**ITMF Annual Conference &
IAF World Fashion Convention**

**Fortaleza, Brazil
October 14-15, 2026**

Conference Programme
(as of October 08, 2026)

by ITMF invitation, by IAF invitation, combined program

Future in Motion
Transformation, Innovation and New Realities

Monday, October 12

08.00 – 15.30

Golf Tournament at Aquiraz Riviera Golf Club – please meet 07.50 in the Lobby of the Gran Marquise

Tuesday, October 13 (Gran Marquise Hotel)

08.00 – 18.00

Registration International Delegates (Foyer – Ground Floor)

08.30 – 10.00

Spinners Committee Meeting
- by invitation only –
(Aurea Meeting Room)

08.30 – 10.00

Sustainability Committee Meeting
- by invitation only –
(Senatus Meeting Room)

10.00 – 10.30

Coffee Break (Foyer – Ground Floor)

10.30 – 12.00

**Home Textiles Producers Committee
& Technical Textiles Committee
Meeting**
- by invitation only -
(Aurea Meeting Room)

10.30 – 12.00

Business Innovation Committee
- by invitation only -
(Senatus Meeting Room)

10.30 – 12.00

Apparel & Textile Transformation Initiative (ATTI) - (Argentea Meeting Room)
- by request (if interested, please write to info@attransformation.org)

12.00 – 13.30

Buffet Lunch for Committee Members (Portofino – 'R' Floor)

13.30 – 15.00

ITMF Directors Meeting
- by invitation only -
Directors of ITMF Member Associations,
Associate Members and Corporate Members
(Aurea Meeting Room)

13.30 – 15.30

IAF Board of Directors Meeting
- by invitation only –
(Senatus Meeting Room)

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee Break (Foyer – Ground Floor)

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee Break (Foyer – Ground Floor)

15.30 – 17.30

ITMF Board Meeting
Board Members and Past Presidents
- by invitation only -
(Aurea Meeting Room)

16.00 – 17.00

IAF General Assembly
- by invitation only -
(Senatus Meeting Room)

18.30	Bus Service from Gran Marquise Hotel and Luzeiros Hotel to La Maison Buffet (single departure)
19.00 – 21.30	Welcome Dinner – La Maison Buffet – Salão Mar Dress Code: Cocktail Attire
21.30	Bus Service from La Maison Buffet to Gran Marquise and Luzeiros (single departure)
Wednesday, October 14 (Ceará Events Center)	
07.45	Bus Service (single departure) from Gran Marquise Hotel to Ceará Events Center Bus Service (single departure) from Luzeiros Hotel to Ceará Events Center
08.00 – 17.00	Registration – Ceará Events Center – Foyer GATE - A Ground Floor – West Pavilion – Pecem Hall+Taiba Hall
09.00 – 10.30	<u>Opening Session</u> <u>Welcome Addresses</u> • Juan Parés, President, ITMF • Stefano Festa Marzotto, President, IAF • Ricardo Steinbruch, President, ABIT <u>Keynote Address</u> Moderator: Fernando Pimentel, Abit, Brazil • <u>Geopolitics and Geoeconomics: Trends in a Transforming World</u> Paulo Portas, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Portugal
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	<u>Session 1: The New Geography of Industry & Opportunities for Emerging Economies</u> Moderator: Chris Alt, American & Efird (A&E), USA • Robert Antoshak, Grey Matter Concepts, USA • Chen Hao, Bosideng, China • Marco Branquinho, Vicunha, Brazil • Varun Vaid, Wazir, India Panel Discussion / Q&A
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch

13.30 – 15.30	<u>Session 2: Future of Fibers</u> Moderator: Uday Gill, Gherzi Americas, Canada • Andreas Engelhardt, The Fiber Year, Switzerland • Haroldo Cunha, ABRAPA, Brazil • Carlos Fernandes, Abrafas, Brazil • Eduardo Ferlauto, Renner, Brazil • Fernando Prudente, Bayer, Brazil Panel Discussion / Q&A
15.30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.30	<u>Session 3: Productive Models – Speed, Flexibility & Proximity to the Market</u> Moderator: Matthijs Crietee, IAF, Netherlands • Bill McRaith, Future-Proof Fashion, UK • Luca Sburlati, Confindustria Moda, Italy • Daniel Milaré, On, Brazil • Alex Zucchi, Cematex, Switzerland Panel Discussion / Q&A
17.30	Bus Service* from Ceará Events Center to Gran Marquise Hotel and Luzeiros Hotel *Single departure
17.45 – 18.15	<u>ITMF Committee of Management Meeting</u> - by invitation only -
19.30 – 22.30	<u>Reception and Tropical Dinner at the Coco Bambu Beira Mar (Estimated 3 Minutes Walking Distance from Gran Marquise Hotel – 240 meters)</u> Dress Code: Smart Casual

Thursday, October 15 (Ceará Events Center)

08.00	Bus Service (single departure) from Gran Marquise Hotel to Ceará Events Center
08.30 – 18.00	Registration – Ceará Events Center – Foyer GATE - A Ground Floor – West Pavilion – Pecem Hall+Taiba Hall
09.00 – 10.45	<u>Session 4: ITMF Awards 2026</u> <u>ITMF Start-up Awards 2026</u> Moderator: Tae Jin Kang, Seoul National University, Korea Rep. • Jacqueline Amable, Matereal SA, Switzerland “Charting the New Frontier - Biobased Polymers and AI for Textile Manufacturing” • Fabiana Muranaka do Bomfim e Araujo, no.wasTee Soluções em Confeções Sustentáveis LTDA, Brazil “Zero-Waste Design for a Low-CO₂ Textile Industry” • Roberto Portes, Tellura Technologies, Brazil “100% Natural Yarn: From Fashion to Aerospace Biocomposites” • Michael Rabin, unspun, USA “Revolutionizing Apparel Manufacturing with 3D Weaving” • Alice Pan, Yuantian Biotechnology (Tianjin) Co., Ltd., China “ENZYMATIC RECYCLING - Waste to New, Endlessly” Panel Discussion / Q&A <u>ITMF Sustainability & Innovation Awards 2026</u> Moderator: Mustafa Denizer, Diktas, Türkiye • Giorgio Lai, Epoch Biodesign, UK “Epoch Biodesign and Lululemon Unlock Textile-to-Textile Circularity for Nylon 6,6” • Min-sung Lee, Huvis, Korea, Rep. “Polyester Chemical Recycling Technology for Sustainable Automotive Textiles” • Zhentan Lu, Simabo Technology Co., Ltd and Wuhan Textile University, China “Desert-Mulberry - Bioactive Silk Eco-Regenerative Cycle” Panel Discussion / Q&A <u>ITMF Intl. Collaboration Awards 2026</u> Moderator: Mustafa Denizer, Diktas, Türkiye • Philip Ghekiere, HeiQ, Switzerland “Alone we Innovate. Together we Scale” • Juliana Jabour, Lenzing, Austria & ArmedAngels, Germany “How Collaboration Accelerates the Transition to a More Sustainable Textile Industry” Panel Discussion / Q&A

10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.45	<u>Session 5: Trade & Regulation: The New Landscape</u> Moderator: Rafael Cervone, Abit, Brazil • Dirk Vanthyghem, EURATEX, Belgium • Stephen Lamar, AAFA, USA • Ruizhe Sun, CNTAC, China • Fernando Pimentel, ABIT, Brazil Panel Discussion / Q&A
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.15	<u>Session 6: New Expectations, Data & Behavioral Shifts in an Unpredictable Market</u> Moderator: Michelle Tjokrosaputro, Dan Liris, Indonesia • Mariana Santiloni, WGSN, Brazil • Fabio Davidovici, Aramis, Brazil • Cacau Moraes, Insider Store, Brazil • Thomas Gries, ITA Aachen, Germany Panel Discussion / Q&A
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee Break
15.45 – 17.15	<u>Session 7: Brazil – Capabilities, Integrated Value Chain & Investment Opportunities</u> Moderator: Fernando Pimentel, Abit, Brazil • Laurent Aucouturier, Gherzi, France • Rodolfo Margato, XP Inc., Brazil • Marcelo Villin Prado, IEMI – Market Intelligence, Brazil • Fábio Marimon, Sebrae Nacional, Brazil Panel Discussion / Q&A
17.15 – 18.15	<u>Closing Keynote</u> Moderator: Rafael Cervone, Abit, Brazil • Monica Magalhães, Futurist and Founder of Moovers, Brazil
18.15 – 18.30	<u>Invitation to the ITMF Annual Conference & IAF Fashion Convention 2027</u>
18:30	Bus Service (single departure) from Ceará Events Center to Gran Marquise Hotel
18.45 – 20.00	<u>Closing Happy Hour – Ceará Events Center</u>
20.00	Bus Service (single departure) from Ceará Events Center to Gran Marquise Hotel

Friday, October 16

08.45 – 15.00

Company Visit – Study Tour: Vicunha (upon registration only)