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This edition of the ITMF Newsletter once again reflects a sector in motion—balancing transformation with resilience.

The newly released *ITMSS 2024* and insights from the recent Textile Machinery Workshop, co-hosted with Swiss Textile Machinery, reveal mixed signals across the textile machinery segment. Meanwhile, our *2023 International Production Cost Comparison Report* provides updated cost benchmarks and, for the first time, introduces carbon footprint data along the textile value chain—offering a valuable new sustainability indicator for the industry.

As always, we encourage members to engage with innovation through our ongoing AI webinar series with ITA, and to join us in strengthening global collaboration through the newly launched *Apparel & Textile Transformation Initiative (ATTI)* in partnership with IAF.

With registration for the ITMF & IAF Conference 2025 in Indonesia in full swing, we look forward to reconnecting and shaping the future of our industry together.



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director, ITMF



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### Textile industry at a crossroad: key takeaways from the Textile Machinery Workshop 2025



ITMF and Swiss Textile Machinery hosted their annual Workshop and Dinner in Zurich earlier this year, welcoming over 100 industry leaders. The event highlighted key trends shaping the textile industry, including economic shifts, technological change, and evolving regulations. Key insights included an outlook on China's textile sector, early 2024 machinery shipment data, and expert input from leading manufacturers. Discussions underscored the need for adaptability and innovation across all segments to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

[> read more \(members only\)](#)

## ITMF NEWS

### ITMF's newest members

ITMF has welcome three new member association in the last few months. This illustrates how important our unique platform is for companies and organisations in different regions and segments of the global textile value chain.



**RSWM Ltd.**, the flagship company of LNJ Bhilwara Group (India), is one of the leading manufacturers and exporters of synthetic, cotton, and blended spun yarns as well as knitted and denim fabric in India. The company exports a wide range of yarns and fabrics as well as denim products to over 70 countries across the globe. [> read more](#)



**CEMS-Global USA**, based in New York, is a Multinational Exhibition & Convention Organizer, having its operations across 4 continents. Established in 1992, CEMS-Global, in this span of over 30 years, has been committed to organizing professional B2B trade shows for important business sectors of the trade and economy. CEMS-Global also assists trade associations, governments, and businesses as an international trade & export development agency in international markets, including market research, export strategy development, partner identification, and trade promotion. [> read more](#)

**M Square Design & Sourcing Co., Limited** is a relatively new UK company focused on textiles and apparel sourcing.

### ITMF releases IPCC-2023 global textile cost and carbon footprint report



The latest edition of the *International Production Cost Comparison (IPCC)*, was published today. The report analyses the 2023 textile manufacturing costs across 15 countries, expanding the scope to **Uzbekistan**. For the first time, it also introduces a **detailed carbon footprint analysis** for each textile product along the value chain.

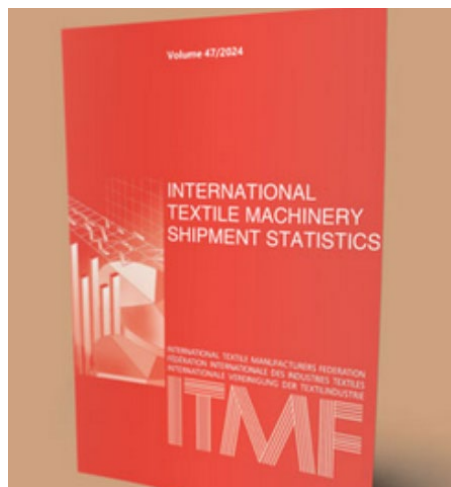
The report offers a granular breakdown of manufacturing costs for spinning, weaving, knitting, and finishing processes. It shows, for example, that producing one meter of finished cotton woven fabric using a continuous open width process cost **1.35 USD on average worldwide** in 2023. Strong regional contrast is revealed behind this figure with **Italy** and the **U.S.** reporting the highest relative labour cost, while **Pakistan, Egypt, and Bangladesh** operated with minimal pressure on this cost element. Comparatively, energy costs were highest in **Central America, Mexico, and Italy**, whereas **Pakistan** and **Egypt** benefited from lower energy-related expenses.

For the first time, the IPCC also quantifies the **carbon footprint** of textile production processes. The findings show that **India** recorded the highest emissions, exceeding **12.5 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per kg of fabric**, largely due to energy-intensive spinning and weaving. In contrast, **Brazil** achieved the lowest footprint, under **4 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per kg**, using cleaner energy sources and efficient technologies. The addition of this environmental dimension provides a critical lens for sustainability benchmarking across textile-producing regions.

[> read more](#)

Click [here](#) and select “**International Production Cost Comparison**” to access the publication

## The newly published ITMSS reveals mixed trends textile machinery in 2024



The 47th edition of the *International Textile Machinery Shipment Statistics (ITMSS)*, released earlier this month, reveals a mixed performance across different machinery segments in 2024.

Shipments of short-staple spindles and open-end rotors declined sharply by -40% and -39%, respectively, while long-staple spindles rose by +62%. Draw-texturing spindles saw strong growth (+77%), as did shuttle-less looms (+32%) and flat knitting machines (+16%). However, large circular knitting machines recorded a -15% decline. The sum of all deliveries in the finishing segment increased modestly by +6%, with notable variations among subcategories.

Asia & Oceania remained the dominant destination across most segments, with China continuing as the top investor in several categories. The 2024 ITMSS report is based on data from over 200 manufacturers worldwide, offering a comprehensive overview of global textile machinery investment.

Click [here](#) and select “**International Textile Machinery Shipment Statistics**” to access the publication

## ITMF at the Global Fashion Summit – Access to capital and collaboration is key



Mr. Christian Schindler attended the Global Fashion Summit which was held from 3–5 June 2025, in Copenhagen, Denmark. More than 1'000 participants from across the fashion ecosystem attended to advance progress on sustainability. The event explored the theme ‘Barriers and Bridges’, highlighting key obstacles and collaborative solutions across five focus areas: Innovation, Capital, Courage, Incentives, and Regulation.

One key takeaway is that manufacturers need to get better access to capital to finance the necessary investments. One such initiative is “**Future Forward Factories**” launched by Fashion for Good and Arvind Ltd. (India): “The initiative delivers an open-source, modular blueprint for sustainable tier-2 textile manufacturing that can be adopted industry-wide, while simultaneously building a first-of-its-kind physical facility that demonstrates these principles in action.” (Source: Fashion for Good).

A second initiative is the “**The Future Supplier Initiative**” which offers a collective financing model for brands to support apparel suppliers’ decarbonization. This initiative is facilitated by The Fashion Pact in partnership with Apparel Impact Institute, Guidehouse, and DBS Bank, and aims to combine financial incentives, such as de-risking loans, with technical support.

For more information about **Future Forward Factories** click [HERE](#).

For more information about the **Future Supplier Initiative** click [HERE](#).

## IAF and ITMF launch the Apparel & Textile Transformation Initiative (ATTI)



On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, IAF and ITMF launched the Apparel & Textile Transformation Initiative (ATTI). The objective of ATTI is to promote an innovative, **manufacturer-led**, nationally oriented and globally coordinated **approach to industry transformation**, focusing on key sustainability issues across the supply chain, including energy efficiency, water use, emissions, and other environmental impacts.

Manufacturers in textile and apparel producing countries are at the center of this initiative. Under the leadership of their respective national associations, they identify areas where transformation in the industry is needed most. A global council is coordinating and supporting the different activities by partnering with existing initiatives like The Fashion Pact, the Apparel Impact Institute or Cascale that have already developed tools to support the industry transformation.

The first two countries where so called ATTI Country Chapters were established are Bangladesh and Türkiye.

For more information, please read the [press release](#) or visit [ATTI](#)

## ITMF & IAF Conference 2025 in Indonesia – Registration is in full swing



In 2025, ITMF and IAF will jointly organise their conferences on **October 24-25, 2025**, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. This year the general theme will be:

### **Navigating Uncertainty & Adopting Technology – Pathways to Sustainable Strength in the Textile & Apparel Industry**

These dates will allow both textile machinery exhibitors and exhibition visitors to travel to [ITMA Asia+CITME 2025 Singapore](#) which will be held from **October 28-31, 2025**.

The conference programme is taking shape. For more information, please visit the [conference website](#).

To register go to [ITMF & IAF Conference 2025](#).

### Conference Timeline



October 2025

**Oct. 22**

Factory visits are offered, Golf

**Oct. 23**

Board, Committees, and other Meetings

**Oct. 24**

Conference Day 1

**Oct. 25**

Conference Day 2

**Oct. 26**

Excursion to Borobudur Temple is offered

**Oct. 27**

Factory visits are offered



# ITMF & ITA Webinar Series on “AI in the Textile Value Chain” continues with the 6<sup>th</sup> Webinar



Access all previous webinars:  
[Virtual Forum](#) / “Webinar Series”.

On 11 July 2025 at 13:00hrs. (CET) the 6<sup>th</sup> webinar in ITMF’s Series on “AI in the Textile Value Chain” will take place. Titled “**AI Business Models and Applications in the Textile Industry**”, the event will focus on:

1. **AI and Strategy: Competitive Advantage in the Age of Agentic AI** by Prof. Frank Piller, Institut für Technologie- & Innovationsmanagement, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
2. **Chatbot-based on Retrieval-augmented Generation Pipeline** by Prof. Wolfgang Prinz, Fraunhofer FIT, Germany

**Next webinar on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, from 12:00 to 13:15hrs (Zurich-time)

[Register here](#) (After registration, you will receive an individual Zoom-link to participate in this 6<sup>th</sup> webinar)

## PARTNER NEWS

### Gherzi on global apparel industry dynamics



Gherzi relates how the U.S.–China trade dispute is reshaping the global textile and apparel industry in a recent article. With higher tariffs on Chinese goods, brands are moving production to countries like **Vietnam and Bangladesh**, which are seeing a sharp rise in exports. The shift marks a broader trend toward diversified, resilient supply chains amid growing geopolitical uncertainty.

[> read more](#)

### Man-Made Fiber Intl. publishes an article on reimagining circularity by Mr. Uday Gill



Mr. Uday Gill, ITMF Board Member, contributed the lead article in the latest edition of the Man-made Fibers International (Issue 2, 2025).

In his article “Reimagine Circularity – The Future of Textile lies in Smart Value Chains” he emphasizes the need to transform our industry and highlights the importance of regulation and private investments to make the textile industry more sustainable and circular.

[> download the article](#)

### Melliand Intl. publishes an article by Mr. K. V. Srinivasan on “Uncertainty and Trade”



In a lead article for Melliand International, Mr. K. V. Srinivasan, President of ITMF, analyses the current business and trade environment and discusses how the textile value chain should react to an increased level of uncertainty and unpredictability when it comes to international trade. He points out that the textile value chain must become more resilient but also more cooperative to overcome the current and future trade challenges.

To access this article, click [here](#).

## ITMA ASIA offers discounts to ITMF members



**ITMA ASIA + CITME**  
**SINGAPORE 2025**

ITMA ASIA + CITME will stage its Singapore edition at Singapore Expo from 28 to 31 October 2025. ITMF members can lock in the reduced Supporting-Organisation fee—SGD 40 for a four-day badge or SGD 20 for a one-day pass—by emailing [secretariat@itmf.org](mailto:secretariat@itmf.org). All visitors can secure further savings by booking early-bird tickets at [www.badge.itmaasiasingapore.com](http://www.badge.itmaasiasingapore.com) before 28 September 2025. Singapore Airlines also offers special fares for travel to the show between 10 October and 18 November 2025 with promo code **ITMA25**.

[> read more about the event](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2025

#### [Milano-UNICA](#)

July 8-10, 2025  
Fiera Milano, Italy

#### [International Textile Forum & Textile Equipment Exhibition](#)

July 8-10, 2025  
Dushanbe, Tajikistan

#### [CAITME 2025](#)

September 9-11, 2025  
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

#### [64<sup>th</sup> Dornbirn-GFC](#)

September 10-12, 2025  
Dornbirn, Austria

#### [Texworld and Apparel Sourcing](#)

September 15-17, 2025  
Paris, France

#### [Market Week](#)

September 15-18, 2025  
New-York, USA

#### [ICA Trade Event and Dinner](#)

October 8-9, 2025  
Dubai, UAE

#### [ITMF-IAF Annual Conference 2025](#)

October 24-25, 2025  
Yogyakarta, Indonesia

#### [ITMA Asia + CITME Singapore 2025](#)

October 28-31, 2025  
Singapore

#### [Asia-Pacific Texpo 2025](#)

October 28-31, 2025  
Singapore

#### [ICAC 83rd Plenary Meeting](#)

November 17-20, 2025  
Mwanza, Tanzania

#### [Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference](#)

November 27-28, 2025  
Aachen, Germany