

The textile industry still undergoes rapid changes—technological, economic, and environmental. This issue of the ITMF newsletter reflects that breadth: from AI's growing role in the value chain and Brazil's rising position in cotton, to shifting cost dynamics across geographies and the global push for fair, sustainable transitions. Alongside partner updates and upcoming events, the threads are clear: competitiveness and resilience now depend on embracing innovation, navigating policy, and staying ahead of global realignments.



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ITMF & ITA Webinar Series on "AI in the Textile Value Chain" concludes with the 7th Webinar



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

On September 26, 2025 (12:00-13:15hrs. (CET)) the 7th webinar in the ITMF & ITA's Series on "*AI in the Textile Value Chain*" will take place. Titled "*AI Business Models & Applications in the Textile Industry*", the event will feature the following presentations:

AI-enabled Computational Aesthetics in Fashion Design

Zhang Jie, Executive Dean, Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Donghua University, China

AI in Action: Defect Detection in Yarn Production

Doruk Öner, CEO, ARTIFEYE Technologies, Türkiye &
Volkan Seyok, Vice General Manager, Karsu Textile, Türkiye

Gen AI Fashion Content Generation for Go-to-Market Acceleration

Jaeyoung Jun, Co-founder & CEO, [OMNIOUS.AI](#), Korea

Next webinar on September 26th, 2025, from 12:00 to 13:15hrs (CET = Zurich-time)
[Register here](#) (After registration, you will receive an individual Zoom-link to participate in this webinar)

ITMF Spinners Committee shows Brazil's growing role in global cotton



Executive summary of the Spinner's committee report 2025 on Brazil

The ITMF Spinners Committee's July 2025 visit to Brazil revealed a cotton industry that is well positioned as one leading cotton producer in the world. The Committee members shared the view that there is the scope to realize its full potential. As the world's largest cotton exporter and third-largest producer, Brazil demonstrates exceptional operational excellence through industrial-scale farming with sophisticated monitoring systems, innovative double-cropping that produces two full crops annually on rain-fed (dryland) land, and remarkable land use efficiency utilizing only 0.1% of Brazil's territory. The industry leads in sustainability with 90% family-owned farms maintaining genuine conservation practices, 81% certified production, and 100% traceability, while farmers demonstrate exceptional innovation by testing 5-10 new varieties annually.

However, critical challenges limit Brazil's market potential. Brazilian cotton predominantly falls into 'the commodity market (micronaire G5, length > 1.13 inch; 28.7 mm (1.1/8 inch; 36/32nds), Middling (31) with a leafgrade of 4), restricting price premiums and market positioning. Most gins visited by the Committee operated with only one lint cleaner versus the international standard of two, though the Committee could not conclude if this observation was representative of the overall Brazilian ginning industry. Export infrastructure concentration through Santos Port (93%) creates bottlenecks and unfavorable delivery times, and the dual HVI/manual classification system generates market confusion requiring standardization.

Brazil possesses the capability to double production through expanded double-cropping without additional land use, but success depends on shifting focus from volume expansion to quality differentiation. Participants recommended upgrading 20% of its cotton production into higher quality grades, improving ginning infrastructure, standardizing classification systems, and diversifying logistics routes. The combination of operational excellence, sustainability focus, and innovation capacity provides a strong foundation for market dominance, provided these strategic improvements are implemented systematically to capture premium markets rather than competing solely on commodity pricing.

Download the committee report [here](#)

ITMF & IAF 2025 Yogyakarta – Program Takes Shape!



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](#).

Since hotel rooms are limited in the conference hotel, it is recommended to register and book hotel rooms as soon as possible.

Conference
Timeline

October 2025

Oct. 22Factory 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**Conference Sessions**

- Opening Session
- Textile & Apparel Industry in Indonesia
- Fiber Session – Cotton and Man-made Fibers
- World Café – AI in the Textile Value Chain
- Sustainability & Regulation & Tariffs

- Decarbonisation Initiatives
- ITMF Start-up Awards 2025
- Adopting Technology
- Audit Fatigue – Progress and Way Forward
- ITMF Sustainability & Innovation Awards 2025
- ITMF Intl. Collaboration Awards 2025

To register go to [ITMF & IAF Conference 2025.](#)**Job Vacancies****UNEP - Senior textile policy expert position
(Consultancy)****United
Nations**

Careers

UNEP is seeking a **Senior Textile Policy Expert** (6-month consultancy, Paris-based or remote) to support its **Textile Initiative**, global policy dialogues, and the **EU-funded InTex project**. The role involves advising governments on circular economy policies, drafting knowledge products, leading events, supporting stakeholder engagement, and contributing to training and resource mobilization.

Requirements: Advanced degree in a relevant field; at least 5 years' experience in sustainability/environmental public policy; proven expertise in textile circular economy; strong research, advisory, and organizational skills; experience with international or regional institutions.

Apply by 6 September 2025: [Job description & application link](#)

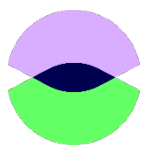
PARTNER NEWS**ITMA ASIA + CITME 2025 announces over 770
Exhibitors****ITMA ASIA + CITME
SINGAPORE 2025**28 – 31 October 2025 | Singapore Expo
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ITMA ASIA + CITME Singapore 2025 released its exhibitor list featuring 770 manufacturers from 31 countries, running October 27–30, 2025 at Singapore Expo, days after the ITMF conference in Yogyakarta and only a short two-hour flight away.

Early bird passes are available at S\$25 (1-day) and S\$50 (4-day) until September 28, with ITMF members receiving an extra 20% off using code **Y358CB7**. The event spans 19 product sectors covering the complete textile production chain.

[> read more](#)

From Net Zero to Just Transition: what brands can do in the RMG supply chain



**Fashion
for Climate**

Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action

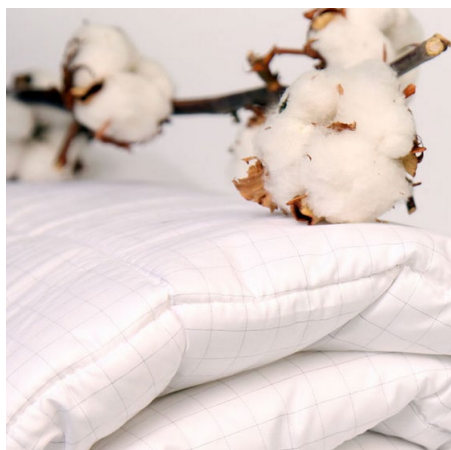
ITMF is one of [FICCA](#)'s many Supporting Organisations. FICCA is in a position to substantially contribute to the realization of the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action and function as catalysts and multipliers.

The Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action (FICCA) has the vision to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 in the textile and fashion industry. The team organised a webinar with **International Labour Organization** (ILO) and **Laudes Foundation** to provide a platform for continued dialogue on what a Just Transition means for the fashion industry and its supply chains, with a focus on South and South-East Asia.

The session will be a mix of presentations and breakout discussion groups, with the aim of creating a space for engagement.

Please contact secretariat@itmfg.org for more information.

Cotton Inc: cotton supply chain feels tariff impacts



In its August 2025 U.S. Macroeconomic & Cotton Supply Chain Update, Cotton Incorporated noted a rebound in the U.S. economy, with Q2 GDP growing at an annualized **3.0%** after a **0.5% contraction** in Q1. The recovery was driven in part by a sharp swing in imports, which surged **+37.9%** in Q1 before dropping **-30.3%** in Q2 as new U.S. tariffs—averaging nearly **20 percentage points**—took effect.

Consumer spending strengthened modestly while apparel spending was up **+4.2% year-over-year** in June, outpacing overall spending growth. Retail apparel prices edged up **0.4%** that month, despite consumer inflation holding steady at **2.8%**. Job growth slowed to **73,000 in July**, with the unemployment rate rising to **4.2%**. The Fed opted to keep interest rates unchanged in July, with a potential cut under consideration in September.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

[CAITME 2025](#)

September 9-11, 2025
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

[Dornbirn-GFC 2025](#)

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 Events and Dinner](#)

October 8-9, 2025
Dubai, UAE

[Heimtextil Uzbekistan](#)

October 14-16, 2025
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

[ITMF-IAF 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