

This edition of the ITMF Newsletter highlights the industry's continued drive toward innovation and sustainability after a successful ITMF-IAF joint conference held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The federation welcomes the new ITMF Board for 2025–2027 and we recap some key insights from the conference.

In Partner News, initiatives from ATTI, Garanti BBVA & Ivy Decarb, and Livinguard Technologies showcase how collaboration and technology are advancing decarbonization and environmental progress.



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ITMF elects New Board for 2025–2027



ITMF's new Board for the 2025–2027 term was elected during our Annual Conference in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. **Mr. Juan Parés** (Spain) was unanimously elected as ITMF President, succeeding Mr. K.V. Srinivasan (India), who was appointed Honorary Life Member in recognition of his outstanding contribution as Vice President (2018–2023) and President (2023–2025).

Mr. Mustafa Denizer (Türkiye) was re-elected and **Ms. Yan Yan** (China) elected as Vice Presidents, while **Mr. Ernesto Maurer** (Switzerland) continues as Honorary Treasurer.

Re-elected Non-Executive Board Members include Mr. Salman Ispahani (Bangladesh), Mr. Yingxin Xu (China), Ms. Suchita Jain Oswal (India), Mr. Tae Jin Kang (Korea), Mr. Anees Khawaja (Pakistan), Mr. Stefan Hutter (Singapore), Mr. Uday Gill (Thailand).

Newly elected Non-Executive Board Members are Mr. Ernst Grimmelt (Germany) and Mr. Sanjay Jayavarthanavelu (India). Additionally, Mr. Rafael Cervone (Brazil), Mr. Mohammad Kassem (Egypt), Mrs. Michelle Tjokrosaputro (Indonesia), Mr. Loek de Vries (Netherlands), and Mr. Muharrem Kayhan (Türkiye) were co-opted to the Board.

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ITMF & IAF 2025 Conference in Indonesia showcases innovation and collaboration



The textile and apparel industry gathered in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from October 24–25, 2025, for the joint ITMF Annual Conference and IAF World Fashion Convention, held under the theme “Navigating Uncertainty & Adopting Technology – Pathways to Sustainable Strength in the Textile and Apparel Industry.” The conference was hosted by API, the Indonesian Textile Industry Association.

The event brought together global leaders from across the textile value chain to discuss how innovation, technology, and sustainability can drive long-term resilience in an evolving global market.

The Opening Session featured welcome addresses by K.V. Srinivasan (ITMF President), Cem Altan (IAF President), and Jemmy Sastraatmadja (API President), followed by a keynote speech from Gaffari Ramadhan of Indonesia’s National Economic Council.

A series of engaging sessions explored the state of the industry and key trends shaping its future. The “Textile & Apparel Industry in Indonesia” panel highlighted the country’s role as a growing global hub for textile production. Subsequent Fiber Sessions delved into developments in both cotton and man-made fibres, emphasizing innovation, supply chain transformation, and sustainability.

A highlight of the first day was the World Café: “Strike First – AI Advantage in Textiles & Apparel”, exploring how artificial intelligence is transforming manufacturing and design. The evening concluded with a Gala Dinner at the historic Prambanan Temple, featuring cultural performances and the ceremonial handover of the ITMF and IAF presidencies.

Day two focused on sustainability and technological transformation. Sessions addressed regulation and tariffs, decarbonization initiatives, and technology adoption, with contributions from leading global brands and institutions including Nike, Puma, IKEA, and Lululemon.

Innovation took centre stage during the ITMF Start-up Awards 2025, where pioneering companies presented solutions in robotics, bio-based materials, circularity, and digitalization. The conference culminated with ITMF’s second Awards Session for outstanding achievements in Sustainability & Innovation and International Collaboration, recognizing groundbreaking projects from across the world.

Networking opportunities were complemented by cultural and industry experiences, including company visits, a welcome dinner hosted by Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono X, and a farewell reception at the Marriott Hotel.

The conference once again underscored ITMF’s and IAF’s shared commitment to fostering collaboration, innovation, and sustainability across the global textile value chain — essential pathways toward a stronger, more resilient industry.

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ITMF & ITA Webinar Series on “AI in the Textile Value Chain” explored various AI applications



Presentations and recording now available on the [Virtual Forum](#)

On September 26, 2025, ITMF and the International Textile Academy (ITA) hosted the 7th webinar in their series “AI in the Textile Value Chain.” Titled “AI Business Models & Applications in the Textile Industry,” the session highlighted cutting-edge applications of artificial intelligence across design, production, and marketing.

Prof. Zhang Jie (Donghua University, China) presented advances in AI-enabled computational aesthetics for fashion design, emphasizing personalization and **human-machine co-creation**. Doruk Öner (ARTIFEYE Technologies, Türkiye) and Volkan Seyok (Karsu Textile, Türkiye) showcased “Sapphire,” an AI-based yarn **quality control** system that has already improved production outcomes at Karsu. Jaeyoung Jun (OMNIOUS.AI, Korea) introduced “Vela,” a generative AI platform enabling scalable, photorealistic fashion content creation to accelerate **go-to-market strategies**.

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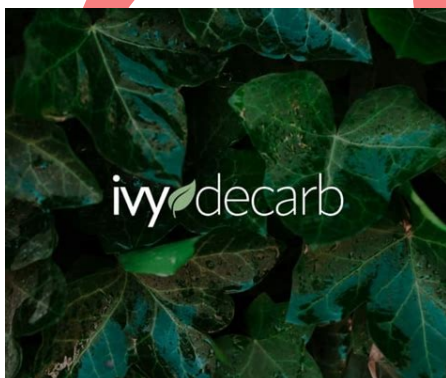


The Apparel and Textile Transformation Initiative (ATTI) – a joint ITMF and IAF initiative – has released its October 2025 newsletter, featuring the latest updates on industry-wide collaboration for decarbonization, circularity, and sustainable transformation across the textile and apparel value chain.

The issue includes insights from global partners and showcases progress on country-level action plans driving measurable climate impact.

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Garanti BBVA and Ivy Decarb partner to accelerate textile decarbonization



Garanti BBVA has partnered with **Ivy Decarb Marketplace** to finance the decarbonization of Türkiye’s textile industry. Through the Ivy Decarb platform, the bank will provide loans to manufacturers investing in cleaner, more efficient production technologies.

At a launch event in Istanbul, attended by Turkish textile associations (**TİM, TEMSAD, İHKİB, İTHİB**) and European brands, Garanti BBVA CEO **Mahmut Akten** emphasized that “sustainability is no longer an environmental issue: it is business itself.” The initiative forms part of the bank’s **₺3.5 trillion (\$102 billion)** sustainable financing pledge through 2029.

Ivy Decarb’s platform connects manufacturers, lenders, and equipment suppliers, helping companies modernize operations while tracking carbon reductions and productivity gains. “Turkish textile makers must modernize to meet global brands’ environmental standards,” said **Ivy Decarb CEO Javier Bernal**.

The company operates with local teams in **Bangladesh, India, Spain, and Türkiye**, and plans expansion to **China and Italy** by the end of 2025.

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Livinguard publishes two new whitepapers on textile sustainability challenges



Ecological Footprint of Cellulose Dyeing

Whitepaper on the environmental impact of cellulose dyeing and review of emerging alternative technological approaches for mitigation

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Livinguard Technologies, a Swiss material science company, has released two in-depth whitepapers addressing major environmental challenges in the textile industry: microfiber pollution and the ecological footprint of textile dyeing.

The first report, "[Textile Microfiber & Microplastics Shedding](#)", examines the growing problem of microplastic pollution caused by synthetic textiles, highlighting sources from manufacturing to consumer laundering. It outlines pathways for mitigation and introduces Livinguard's Better Fresh technology, which combines odor control with a mechanism to significantly reduce microfiber shedding.

The second paper, "[Ecological Footprint of Cellulose Dyeing](#)", explores the environmental impact of traditional dyeing processes and reviews innovative solutions such as supercritical CO₂ dyeing, microbial pigments, and cationization technologies. It also presents Livinguard's new sustainable dyeing solutions, +DYE and EFD, designed to cut water and energy use while improving efficiency and lowering costs.

Together, these publications underscore Livinguard's commitment to advancing sustainable technologies that reduce pollution and resource use in the global textile sector.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

[Asia-Pacific Texpo 2025](#)

October 28-31, 2025
Singapore

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

November 27-28, 2025
Aachen, Germany

2026

[Heimtextil 2026](#)

January 13-16, 2026
Frankfurt, Germany

[Milano Unica](#)

January 20-22, 2026
Milano, Italy

[International Cotton Conference 2026](#)

March 25-27, 2026
Bremen, Germany

[Indo Intertex 2026](#)

April 15-18, 2026
Jakarta, Indonesia

[Textiles Recycling Expo USA](#)

April 29-30, 2026
Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

[Proposte](#)

May 5-7, 2026
Cernobbio (Como), Italy

[Textiles Recycling Expo](#)

June 24-25, 2026
Brussels, Belgium

[TITA 2026](#)

October 6-8, 2026
Taipei, Chinese Taipei

[US Sourcing Summit 2026](#)

November 16-18, 2026
Phoenix, Arizona, USA

[12th ITME](#)

December 4-9, 2026
Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India

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Man-made fibers on the edge: the impact of goods and services tax reforms in India's textile and apparel sector



The recent Goods and Services Tax (GST) reform in India, implemented on September 22, 2025, is set to benefit the downstream value chain, enhancing operations from spinners and fabric producers all the way down to consumers by reducing tax burdens and promoting affordability. The alignment of GST rates for Man-Made Fibers (MMF) with cotton under the fiber-neutral policy creates a more level playing field for fibers of different origins. However, the absence of a GST rate cut for raw materials leads to input-output tax discrepancies, placing MMF producers in a challenging position due to the necessity of frequently applying for refunds

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Accelerating Africa's industrialization: a perspective on the continent's emergence as an investment destination for textiles



Africa is rapidly emerging as a key destination for textile and apparel investment, attracting over **USD 2 billion** in recent years. Initiatives like the **2024 Cotton Partnership**, supported by global institutions and regional banks, aim to build a **USD 12 billion** cotton-textile industry across West and Central Africa.

Aligned with **UNIDO's five pillars**—productive capacity, technology and skills, capital mobilization, market access via **AfCFTA**, and sustainability—Africa is shifting from raw exports to value-added manufacturing. Investment momentum is strong, with **Egypt, Morocco, and West Africa** leading new projects and industrial park development. Yet, challenges remain: the continent's textile trade deficit widened to **USD 10 billion** in 2023, and the pending expiry of **AGOA** threatens U.S. export access.

Overall, Africa's textile sector stands at a decisive moment—poised to become a global sourcing hub if it sustains investment, integration, and inclusive growth.

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