



The industry's calendar is filling up quickly: the ABIT & ITMF & IAF 2026 Convention in Brazil, APTEXPO 2026 in Singapore, the ADD International Textile Conference in Dresden; Germany and India ITME 2026 in Greater Noida – just to mention a few – offer opportunities to meet, learn and do business before the year is out.

Beyond the events, fundamental questions remain: two new UN Fashion Industry Charter reports examine how to finance decarbonisation in the fashion supply chain, and our partner article asks **whether the economy can withstand geopolitical crises** — a reminder that resilience remains the defining challenge of our time.



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Can the economy withstand geopolitical crises?

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ITMF & IAF 2026 in Brazil co-hosted by ABIT – Registration is Open!



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This year's ITMF & IAF Conference 2026 will be held in the city of Fortaleza, Brazil, from October 14-15, 2026. The event will be co-hosted by ABIT, the Brazilian Textile & Apparel Industry Association.

The convention will be held under the theme "*Future in Motion – Transformation, Innovation and New Realities*" with a great line up of speakers, including 2 keynote addresses by:

Paulo Portas, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Portugal - *Geopolitics and Geoeconomics: Trends in a Transforming World*

Monica Magalhães, Futurist and Founder of Moovers, Brazil - *Closing Keynote*

The preliminary program features a 2-day conference as well as a golf tournament, committee meetings, and factory visits (see below timeline). For more information and future updates, please click [here](#).

Register [here](#)

Preliminary
Conference
Timeline



October 2026

Oct. 12

Golf tournament

Oct. 13

Internal
Meetings

Oct. 14

Conference
Day 1

Oct. 15

Conference
Day 2

Oct. 16

Factory visit

ITMF Home Textiles Producers (HTP) Committee in China



Interested in the presentations of any of the underlined speaker below?

Contact secretariat@itmf.org.

The China Home Textiles Association (CHTA) in cooperation with the ITMF Home Textiles Producers (HTP) Committee jointly organized the "**Binzhou International Home Textiles Cooperation Conference 2026**" on August 21st in Binzhou, Shandong, China. The event was kindly hosted by the Binzhou Textile Industry Association. Ahead of the conference, delegates visited the **intertextile SHANGHAI home textiles**, Asia's leading home textile exhibition for upholstery products with more than 900 exhibitors and more than 35'000 professional buyers from around the world.

The theme of the conference was "*Global Links, Smart Future – Building a Shared, Green, and Intelligent Home Textile Ecosystem*".

The Chairman of the ITMF Home Textiles Producers (HTP) Committee, **Mr. Zhaohua Yang**, who is also Vice President of CNTAC, moderated the morning session. **Mr. Yingxin Xu**, ITMF Board Member and Vice President of CNTAC, as well as **Ms. Hongxia Zhang**, Chairwoman Shandong Weiqiao Pioneering Group, a Corporate Member of ITMF, delivered the opening speeches.

The keynote address with the title "*Deepening Global Cooperation for a Shared Future of Home Textile Industry*" was delivered by **Mr. Ruizhe Sun**, ITMF Past President and President of CNTAC.

On the following day, the participants were invited to a factory visit of Weiqiao Textile which is a listed subsidiary controlled by Shandong Weiqiao Pioneering Group, a Fortune Global 500 enterprise. Weiqiao Textile is an integrated textile company that is mainly engaged in the production, sales and distribution of cotton yarns, grey fabrics, denim, home textiles, and apparel products.

The presenters were (underlined speakers share presentations)
 Ms. Nashwa Bakr, Investment Promotion Affairs ECS (Egypt)
Mr. Ian Syarif Tan, Vice Chairman, Indonesia Textile Association (API)
 Mr. Tao Zhang, ANTA Group (China)
 Ms. Suhua Zhao, Shandong Weiqiao Textile Technology (China)
Mr. Dirk Vantghem, Euratex
Ms. Chen Ni, HENIEMO (China)
Ms. Yan Yan, China National Textile & Apparel Council (CNTAC)

Mr. Ruizhe Sun, ITMF Past President and President of CNTAC
Mr. Luu Tien Chung, Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS)
Mr. Sunny Tan, Hong Kong Productivity Council
Mr. Justin Huang, Taiwan Textile Federation (Taiwan, China)
Mr. Sebastian Ihling, APELT (Germany)
 Mr. Liang Wang, LUOLAI Life (China)
 Mr. Xuefeng Liu, EVE Group (China)
Mr. Christian Schindler, ITMF

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Registration open for APTEXPO 2026 in Singapore



The 3rd edition of the Asia-Pacific Textile and Apparel Supply Chain Expo & Summit (APTEXPO) will take place from **November 11-13, 2026**, at the Sands Expo & Convention Centre in Singapore. Under the theme "Building an AI-Powered, Adaptive, Resilient and Sustainable Fashion Supply Chain", the event brings together industry leaders, manufacturers, brands and innovators to shape the future of apparel and textile manufacturing.

The event aims at presenting innovations in AI, automation and smart manufacturing, insights into resilient and agile supply chains and sustainable solutions. The show expects global industry leaders, buyers and decision-makers across Asia and beyond. The conference program features more than 70 speakers across over 40 sessions, alongside an exhibition with over 100 booths covering the full spectrum of the textile value chain.

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UN Fashion Industry Charter publishes two reports on financing decarbonisation in the fashion industry



The UN Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action has published two new reports on innovative finance solutions for decarbonisation in the fashion industry, focusing on upstream manufacturing in major production countries.

The first report examines how **carbon market mechanisms** — including internal carbon pricing, inseting, mitigation contributions and carbon removals — can support value chain decarbonisation when aligned with credible standards, and highlights how emerging carbon pricing and compliance systems, particularly in Southeast Asia, are reshaping incentives for suppliers. The second report reviews how **capital can be mobilized** for decarbonisation, drawing on case studies from fashion and other manufacturing sectors to assess financial instruments such as green and sustainability-linked loans and bonds, grants, blended finance and energy performance contracts.

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The Fiber Year 2026 and The Fabric Year 2026: 50% discount for ITMF members

The ITMF is very proud to collaborate with [The Fiber Year GmbH](#) to offer ITMF-members the new edition of [The Fiber Year 2026](#) (TFY) and the Fabric Year 2026 at a special discount. Two offers are available to ITMF members:

- **50% discount:** ITMF-members may purchase a license for the new 2026 edition for an attractive price of
 - The Fiber Year: CHF 900.- instead of CHF 1'800.-
 - The Fabric Year: CHF 1'250.- instead of CHF 2'500.-
- **Tailor-made packages for ITMF member associations:** ITMF members that are associations can contact The Fiber Year GmbH directly to negotiate their price package for their own members.

Please contact Andreas Engelhardt at info@thefiberyear.com for a discount or a tailor-made package.

The new publications offer a comprehensive view on the latest trends and developments in the global textile value chain– from fibers to fabric.

The Fiber Year (download overview [here](#))

includes **world natural and manmade fibers, latest trade data, country profiles for 20 major industries** and the comprehensive **statistical appendix**

The Fabric Year (download overview [here](#))

includes **world fabrics production across knitted, woven and nonwoven technologies, latest production dynamics for top-20 industries**

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Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference 2026 to take place in Dresden



The Aachen-Dresden-Denkendorf International Textile Conference (ADD-ITC) 2026 will be held on **November 26-27, 2026**, at the International Congress Center Dresden. This year's edition is organized by the Institute of Textile Machinery and High Performance Material Technology (ITM) of TU Dresden.

With an inspiring program running in several parallel sessions, the ADD-ITC remains an important meeting ground for management, experts and young professionals from business and science. A distinguishing feature of this year's conference is its strong industrial participation: more than two-thirds of all presentations are contributed by companies or jointly presented by industry and research institutions.

International companies, leading research organizations and cross-sector industry associations will discuss current challenges and innovative solutions in the fields of **protective and functional textiles, sustainable polymer materials, fiber-reinforced structures and composites, digitalization and artificial intelligence, circular economy, technology transfer**, and emerging trends in textile engineering.

Online registration is now open. The preliminary program and all further information are available on the conference website.

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India ITME 2026 to take place in Greater Noida in December



India ITME 2026, India's largest textile machinery and engineering exhibition, will be held from December 4-9, 2026, at the India Expo Centre & Mart (IEML) in Greater Noida, India. The exhibition brings the global textile value chain together under one roof, featuring leading manufacturers, technology providers, innovators and industry experts, and is expected to attract exhibitors and business visitors from over 90 countries.

Visitors can explore the latest advancements in textile machinery, automation, sustainability, digital manufacturing, technical textiles and smart factory solutions, as well as participate in technical conferences, knowledge sessions, product launches, live demonstrations and networking events with international industry leaders.

The India ITME Society invites associations to organize business delegations to the exhibition and offers support in coordinating visits, including customized itineraries. For more information, contact itme@india-itme.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

CAITME 2026

September 08-10, 2026
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress 2026

September 16-18, 2026
Dornbirn, Austria

International Textile Forum

September 23, 2026
Dushanbe, Tajikistan

TITAS 2026

October 6-8, 2026
Taipei, Chinese Taipei

ÖWAV Textile Seminar

October 7, 2026
Vienna, Austria

ITMF&IAF Conference 2026

October 14-15, 2026
Fortaleza, Brazil

ICA Trade Event

October 14-15, 2026
Istanbul, Türkiye

Maroc In Mode

November 3-5, 2026
Casablanca, Morocco

Venice Sustainability Forum

November 5-6, 2026
Venice, Italy

APTEXPO 2026

November 11-13, 2026
Singapore

Destination Africa

November 14-15, 2026
Cairo, Egypt

Cotton USA™ Summit

November 16-18, 2026
Scottsdale, Arizona, USA

ITMA Asia & CITME 2026

November 20-24, 2026
Shanghai, China

**International Textile
Conference 2026**

November 26-27, 2026
Aachen- Dresden-Denkendorf,
Germany

INDIA ITME 2026

December 4-9, 2026
New Delhi, India

7th Sustainability Talks**Istanbul**

December 8, 2026
Istanbul, Türkiye

2027**Heimtextil 2027**

January 12-15, 2027
Frankfurt, Germany

ITMA 2027

September 16-22, 2027
Hannover, Germany

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