



and
**a Happy New Year
2023**

After another challenging year draws to a close, we think of all we are grateful for and all the challenges awaiting.

Thank you for your great support during 2022!

On this occasion, we wish you primarily a healthy, but also happy and prosperous year 2023 and are looking forward to a continued mutually fruitful cooperation!

Ruizhe Sun
(on behalf of the Board)

Christian Schindler
(on behalf of the Secretariat)

Our office will be closed from 26.12.2022 to 02.01.2023

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- Capacities and raw material consumption grew in 2021

Executive summary

ITMF publishes the International Textile Industry Statistics 2021



The global number of installed short-staple spindles has grown to 225 million units in 2021. The number of installed open-end rotors slightly increased to 8.3 million. The substitution between shuttle and shuttleless looms continued. The number of installed shuttleless looms reached 1.72. Total raw material consumption in the short-staple organized sector was 45,6 million tons.

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

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ITMF NEWS

ITMF Past-President & Past Treasurer honoured in-person after the pandemic

The ITMF Annual Conference 2020 was the first conference which was held in a hybrid format. The host association, Korea Federation of Textile Industries (KOFOTI) gathered with the maximum number of people allowed (70) during the pandemic – all from Korea due to international travel restrictions – in a conference facility in Seoul, Korea. At the same time, the China National & Apparel Council (CNTAC) gathered in Beijing, China with around 100 participants. All other ITMF-members from around the world participated virtually in the Hybrid ITMF Annual Conference 2022.

The year 2020 was also an election year during which a new ITMF Board was elected. Due to the circumstances the handover of the presidency and the (re-)election of all

the other Board members took also place virtually. It is a tradition at ITMF that the outgoing President and the outgoing Treasurer receive an engraved plate in recognition of their services to ITMF. Since it was not possible to hand over these plates in 2020, we had to wait for the next occasion. Finally, at the ITMF Annual Conference 2022 in Davos, Switzerland, Mr. Kihak Sung (Korea), President of ITMF from 2018-2020 received the plate from his successor, Mr. Ruizhe Sun (China).

Since Mr. Heinz Michel (Switzerland), who was ITMF Treasurer from 2018-2020, was not able to attend the conference in Davos, he received the engraved plate at the ITMF Office in Zurich, Switzerland in December 2022 from Mr. Christian Schindler, ITMF Director General.



Mr. Kihak Sung (Korea) and Mr. Ruizhe Sun (China)



Mr. Heinz Michel (Switzerland) and Dr Christian Schindler

ITMF at ITME 2022 in New Delhi



ITME 2022: opening ceremony

The 11th edition of India ITME was held on December 8th to 13th 2022 in New Delhi. This textile engineering and technology event hosted more than 1600 exhibitors and welcomed 87'400 visitors from 68 countries over 6 days.

The theme of the exhibition was "Empowering Textile Through Technology" and underlines India ITME society's

goal to promote indigenous innovations and research in modernizing India's textile industry. This objective was well reflected by the event's adjacent program that included, amongst other, a CEO conclave –i.e., a separate gathering where industry leaders meet policy makers– and the ITME award ceremony which celebrated outstanding domestic products, women entrepreneurship, best master weaver, the restoration of traditional skills, and research excellence.

A cultural evening with dance, music and fine dine was also offered to exhibitors to provide insights into traditional skills and excellence. The platform gave global exposure to Indian handicraft and traditional artisans, especially women weavers from rural area of our Country.

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ITMF's newest members

ITMF has welcomed 1 new Corporate Members in the last few weeks. This illustrates how important our unique platform is for companies from different regions in the world from all segments of the textile value chain.



As a textile collaboration platform, Frontier.cool offers apparel brands a hub from which to engage with current and prospective suppliers to manage digital fabric sourcing and reduce go-to-market times. Suppliers – fabric mills and garment factories – use Frontier.cool to build their virtual fabric libraries and economize sampling, shipping, and other production-related costs.

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PARTNER NEWS

FICCA-Webinar: Escalating decarbonization in supply chain in the Mekong Region



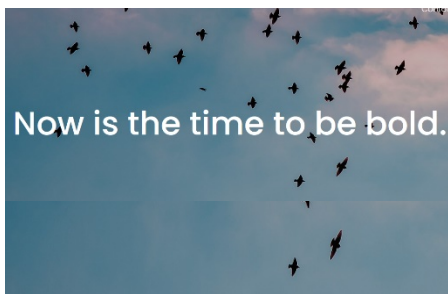
The [Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action \(FICCA\)](#) offered a webinar with the title "*Learning from the ground level: Escalating decarbonization in supply chain in the Mekong Region*". The [Mekong Sustainable Manufacturing Alliance \(MSMA\)](#), implemented by the [Institute for Sustainable Communities \(ISC\)](#), uses a market-driven approach to strengthen sustainable and competitive manufacturing by engaging the private sector, catalysing market forces, and advancing innovative regional initiatives that will increase the adoption of Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) standards.

This webinar will bring the learnings working with factories in the Mekong Region as well as best practices in decarbonisation. The session topic will cover:

- The common interests of decarbonisation in the Mekong Region: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities
- Understanding the factory challenges for GHG emission mitigation.
- Best Practice from the ground: coal phase out

You can find the recording [here](#). The slides shown during the presentation are [here](#).

FICCA-Webinar: H&M - funding of scope 3 decarbonisation actions with its suppliers



The [Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action \(FICCA\)](#) offered a webinar with the title "Since January 2022, H&M Group's Green Fashion Initiative (GFI) has helped fund some 20 onsite decarbonization actions with its suppliers. Via loans and direct investments, over 250,000 CO₂e tons of annual emissions have been cut, and the target of zero onsite coal by 2025 made ever more achievable. Peter Ford, the GFI project manager, explained how H&M is funding these projects, how risks and rewards are measured, and highlighted the importance of collaboration and action from UNFCCC signatory brands due to the nature of our industry since brands & retailers are supplied by the same manufacturers!

There is the opportunity to work with H&M to assist suppliers via loans or direct investments or join Guidehouse's Sustainable Supplier Facility or [Apparel Impact Institute's \(Aii\) Fashion Climate Fund](#) as a way to maximize impact and influence at shared units. The recording of the webinar and the slides can be found [here](#).

Biotextfuture: Call for project proposals



The new [BIOTEXFUTURE](#) call for project proposals is out.

Since November 2019, adidas is co-leading the program in collaboration with the RWTH Aachen University. BIOTEXFUTURE is collaborating with industrial and scientific partners who share the vision to convert the textile value chain from petroleum-based to bio-based and strive every day to create the change needed in the industry.

First deadline for submission of 2-page project sketch: **15 January 2023** | **First deadline** for submission of full proposal: **31 January 2023**

In case you have any questions regarding the call feel free to contact:

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What is the aim of the project? The innovation space is strategically conceptualised along the entire textile value chain with the four technological research areas and the accompanying socio-economic research area, to guarantee a holistic approach.

1. SUBSTRATE/MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT
2. TECHNICAL PRODUCT AND PROCESS DEVELOPMENT
3. TEXTILE FINISHING
4. CIRCULAR ECONOMY
5. SOCIETAL TRANSITION TOWARDS BIOECONOMY

All relevant information to submit project proposals can be found in the document [here](#).

Way2ITMA: VDMA networking event on 28.02.23



VDMA would like to invite ITMF members to Way2ITMA Networking Event on February 28, 2023 from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm CET.

In the run-up to ITMA Milan 2023 VDMA Textile Machinery will for the first time hold a networking event via www.talque.com to bring together exhibiting member companies with potential customers and interested parties. The core of this event is the matchmaking and networking. In addition, the event will be supplemented by interesting keynote speeches and technology pitches by VDMA member companies. As first keynote speaker Dirk Vantghem, Director General EURATEX - European Apparel and Textile Confederation will present about „Game changer "EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles": Challenges and opportunities for the textile industry".

Make your Pre-registration until 08.02.2023 [here](#) (mandatory for non-members of VDMA). Participation is free of charge.

OECD Forum 2023 on Due Diligence in the Garment & Footwear in February in Paris, France



The Forum brings together representatives of governments, business, trade unions, civil society, and academia to discuss key issues and risks related to due diligence in global garment and footwear supply chains in a neutral environment. It also plays a role in supporting alignment across policies and industry initiatives on due diligence expectations.



The **main Forum sessions** will take place on **February 16-17, 2023**, in a hybrid format (onsite at the OECD in Paris and will be streamed online).

The [agenda](#) can be found [here](#). For [registration](#), click [here](#).

So-called **Side Sessions** are organised and hosted by partner organisations of the OECD and will take place in the lead up to the Forum from **February 13-15, 2023**, but only virtually.

One Side Session will be about the [Standard Convergence Initiative \(SCI\)](#) and will be hosted by [ITMF](#) and the [International Apparel Federation \(IAF\)](#) with the support of the [International Trade Center \(ITC\)](#).

In this Side Session about the SCI will present an update regarding convergence between standards. By using data from the [Standards Map](#) at the ITC it can be evaluated whether or not there is preparedness and willingness for convergence among standards. Furthermore, we will invite different stakeholder like a brand/retailer, a 3rd party standard holder, a representative of SLCP, to discuss how more convergence can be reached faster to reduce standard fatigue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

[Heimtextile 2023](#)

January 10-13, 2023
Frankfurt, Germany

[International Istanbul Yarn Fair](#)

February 16-18, 2023
Istanbul, Turkey

[West Africa Textile Summit 2023](#)

February 23-24, 2023
Cotonou, Benin

[Hometex 2023](#)

May 16-20, 2023
Istanbul, Turkey

[ITMA 2023](#)

June 8-14, 2023
Milan, Italy

[ITMF Annual Conference 2023](#)

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Keqiao, Shaoxing, China