



FIRST INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE FORUM AND TEXTILE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

July 8-10, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

CONCEPT NOTE

Title: First International Textile Forum and Textile Equipment Exhibition

Background

Weaving and textile production hold a special place in the history and culture of the Tajik people, reflecting their rich heritage and artistic traditions. Over the centuries, these crafts have evolved, adapting to changing times while preserving their unique national characteristics. Archaeological findings indicate that advanced weaving centers existed here in ancient times. The region of Sogd was particularly renowned for producing high-quality silk fabrics with intricate patterns, which were in demand far beyond the region's borders.

During the Soviet era, Tajikistan's textile industry underwent significant transformations. In 1926, the first cotton processing plant was established in Dushanbe, marking the beginning of the sector's industrialization. In the following decades, large textile enterprises, such as the Dushanbe Textile Complex, were built, providing jobs for thousands of people and producing goods that were in demand both domestically and internationally.

Today, Tajikistan is experiencing a revival of interest in traditional weaving and the development of its textile industry. The country is home to over 500 textile enterprises, employing more than 18,000 people. Special attention is given to the creation of textile clusters that cover the entire production cycle—from cotton cultivation to the manufacturing of finished products. In recent years, the silk sector has also been developing with a focus on a cluster approach and a full production cycle, including the production of finished products. The wool processing sector is also an integral part of Tajikistan's textile industry, with great potential for future development given the ample availability of local raw materials. These initiatives help enhance domestic raw material processing and reduce dependence on the export of unprocessed cotton, silk, and wool.

In the context of rapid industrialization and the strategic goals of the Republic of Tajikistan, the development of the textile industry plays a crucial role in accelerating the country's industrial transformation. Emphasizing modern methods and practices, this sector is key to integrating Tajikistan into global value chains.

The reconstruction of the textile and garment industry is a key focus of the National Strategy for Cotton Production and Processing, as well as the Textile Industry Development in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2024–2040. This strategic approach will enhance Tajikistan's competitiveness in the global market, creating new employment opportunities and driving economic growth.

The development of Tajikistan's textile industry can not only drive the country's economic growth but also help it secure a strong position in the global market, where demand for textile products continues to rise steadily.

The Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan has initiated a three-day international forum dedicated to discussing the strategy for textile industry development and strengthening production chains.

The forum aims to discuss key issues related to the development of the textile and clothing industry in the region, create a platform for strengthening international cooperation in the textile sector, demonstrate the potential of Tajikistan as a promising center for textile production and innovation, and promote interaction between manufacturers of textile equipment, textile products, and wholesale and retail chains.

Forum Objectives:

- Present the current state and achievements of Tajikistan's textile and garment industry.
- Facilitate dialogue between local and international experts, business representatives, government officials, and academia.
- Attract investor interest in the development of the textile sector by showcasing promising projects and initiatives.
- Develop recommendations and strategies to expand the presence of Tajik textile products in international markets.
- Discuss strategies for integrating Tajikistan's textile and garment industry into global supply chains.

- Establish direct connections between Tajik manufacturers and key players in the global textile market.

Forum Format

- Plenary Session and Panel Discussions – The forum will be opened with participation of a representative from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, along with international partners and participants.

- Textile Equipment Exhibition – A showcase of the latest textile machinery and technologies.

- Textile and Apparel products Exhibition (fabric, home textile, apparel, accessories)

- Industrial Equipment Exhibition – A display of advanced industrial equipment relevant to the textile sector.

- Fashion Show – A presentation of modern and traditional textile designs from Tajikistan and international designers.

- Visits to Textile Enterprises – Guided tours of key textile production facilities in the country.

- Cultural and Historical Site Visits – Excursions to museums and cultural landmarks to explore Tajikistan's rich heritage.

Forum Panel Sessions

I. Cotton Farming – The Raw Material Base of the Textile Industry

Discussion on existing challenges, hidden risks, untapped potential, and opportunities for industry development through innovative and digital technologies. The session will focus on enhancing cotton farming as a primary supplier of raw materials for the textile sector.

II. Textile Industry Development: New Challenges and Solutions

Exploring the diversification of the textile industry towards high-value-added products, modern cotton processing methods, and energy-efficient technologies. Special attention will be given to the development of technical textiles and innovative materials, as well as adapting to global trends such as digitalization, sustainability, and changing consumer preferences.

III. Premium Quality in Textile Production

Addressing challenges and risks in adopting international standards, including the mandatory use of digital components in production and quality control. The session will discuss digital labeling and tracking systems for raw materials, semi-finished, and finished products, which are essential for the full-scale development of Tajikistan's cotton-textile sector.

IV. Investment Potential in the Textile Industry: Partnering and Financing

Discussion on government support, tax incentives for investors, and successful investment cases in Tajikistan's textile sector. Special focus will be on developing

textile clusters, their role in industry growth, attracting international partners, and ensuring sustainable financing for modernization and expansion.

V. New Technologies in Design, Production, and Consumer Experience

Exploring the latest advancements in textile and fashion design, including artificial intelligence, 3D printing, and smart fabrics. The session will highlight innovative production methods such as automation, digital printing, and sustainable technologies.

VI. Global Trends in Apparel Sourcing and Integration into International Supply Chains

Strategies for efficient sourcing and procurement of garments in international markets, along with insights from Tajikistan's companies on their role in global value chains. The session will address supplier selection, digital supply chain management, product transparency, and traceability. Special emphasis will be placed on sustainable production, environmental standards, responsible consumption, and adapting to shifting global market conditions.

Expected Outcomes

- Strengthening collaboration with international partners across the global textile value chain.
- Establishing business connections between companies in the textile and garment industries, ensuring their sustainable development.
- Facilitating knowledge exchange on the use of innovations and new technologies in the textile sector.
- Enhancing expertise and professional capacity of local textile and garment manufacturers, artisans, young craftsmen, and designers.

Forum Participants

- Government Representatives – Officials involved in the production and regulation of the textile and garment industry.
- Business and Private Sector Representatives – Companies, manufacturers of textile equipment, and producers of textile and garment products.
- Diplomatic Corps – Accredited representatives of foreign embassies and international organizations in Tajikistan.
- Industry Experts and Researchers – Specialists studying and analyzing trends in the textile sector.
- Educational Institutions – Representatives from universities and training centers specializing in textile education.
- The forum will host approximately 70 leading global manufacturers of textile equipment and over 200 international participants representing major textile and apparel brands.

Organizational Details

- The International Textile Forum and the Textile Equipment Exhibition of Tajikistan will take place from July 8 to July 10, 2025, in Dushanbe, under the auspices of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

- The event is organized by the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan.

- The Organizing Committee includes other relevant government agencies and companies representing the textile and apparel sectors of Tajikistan.

- The Forum will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dushanbe.

- The Textile Equipment Exhibition will take place at the Dushanbe Expo Centre.

- International participants will receive official invitations from the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan, following the established procedure.

- Media support will be provided by the Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Khovar National News Agency (AMIT "Khovar"), and other accredited media outlets in Tajikistan.

Funding

The forum is financially supported through:

- Participation and partnership fees from attendees and partners;
- Sponsorship contributions from local businesses and companies;
- Support from international partners.

Application for Participation

To apply for participation in the Forum, please send your application via email to: textileforum.tj@gmail.com.

The application deadline is May 1, 2025.

For more details about the Forum and Exhibition, visit: www.textileforum.tj.

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| 8 JULY 2025 | |
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| 09:00 – 11:00 | Opening Ceremony of the International Textile Forum The ceremony will feature an official representative of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and invited ministers from various countries representing the textile industry. Ministerial Session: Achievements and Prospects for the Development of the Textile Industry in the Region <i>Venue: Hyatt Regency Dushanbe</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Session 1 Cotton Growing – The Raw Material Base of the Textile Industry 1. Innovative Seed Production and Industrial Cotton Cultivation 2. Modern Technologies in Primary Cotton Processing 3. What Are the Benefits of BCI? |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Session 2 Development of Textile Production: New Challenges and Solutions 1. Keynote Speech by the President of ITMF 2. Presentation by Arvis Company |
| 15:00 – 18:00 | Opening of the Textile Equipment Exhibition B2B Networking and Business Meetings |
| 18:30 – 20:00 | Gala Dinner Hosted by the Ministry of Industry Fashion Show Presentation of Collections by Local and International Designers |
| 9 JULY 2025 | |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Session 3 Premium Quality of Manufactured Products 1. Innovations in Laboratory Testing (challenges, prospects, etc.) 2. Trends and Development of International Standards Implementation and Independent Certification 3. Q&A and Discussion |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break and Networking Session |

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| 10:30 – 11:30 | Session 4 Investment Potential of the Textile Industry: Attracting Partners and Financing 1. Investment Opportunities in Tajikistan's Textile Industry 2. Success Story: "Organic Yarn" company – Growth Strategy and Investment Attraction 3. Carera in Tajikistan: Experience in Localization and Investment Development 4. Establishment and Growth of Six Major Textile Clusters in Tajikistan: Potential and Prospects 5. Open Discussion: Investments in the Textile Industry – Challenges and Opportunities |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Session 5 New Technologies in Design, Production, and Consumer Experience |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break and Networking Session |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Global Trends in Apparel Sourcing and Integration into International Supply Chains Representatives from leading international brands such as Inditex, Decathlon, Uniqlo , and others are expected to participate. 1. Current Trends in Global Apparel Sourcing: Challenges and Opportunities 2. Strategies of International Brands for Selecting Suppliers and Manufacturing Locations 3. Integration of Central Asian Manufacturers into Global Markets Open Discussion: Prospects for Cooperation and Key Success Factors |
| 10 JULY 2025 | |
| 09:30 – 16:00 | Continuation of the Exhibition The exhibition remains open to all forum attendees, guests, and residents of the capital. Cultural Program: Visit to the National Museum of Antiquities of Tajikistan Visit to the Ethnographic Museum of Tajikistan Visit to "Istiklol complex" Visit to "Kohi Navruz" |