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We have the pleasure to report new developments in two ITMF initiatives. First, the Standard Convergence Initiative (SCI) has analyzed its impact on standard convergence and will present the long-awaited results during the OECD Garment Forum 2022 (see Article 1). Second, the Social Labour Convergence Programme (SLCP) had a very successful year 2021 and is now active in 56 countries. See Article 2 for examples of manufacturers experience with SLCP-tools.

We are also pleased to present Article 3 on ways climate change is reshaping competition in the global economy. In this text, Uday Gill, Chief Strategy Officer, IVL Group Thailand, describes how current production practices are becoming obsolete and how manufacturers can win the race to this new (and sustainable) economy.



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The Standard Convergence Initiative (SCI) of the IAF & ITMF is striving to reduce standard fatigue by promoting convergence between standard holders. During the OECD Garment Forum 2022 the SCI will present results about convergence efforts based on data from ITC's Standards Map.

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The SLCP is now active more than 56 countries and regions in almost all relevant textile and apparel producing countries in the world. Manufacturers and brands/retailers are reducing unnecessary audits, saving resources and improving working conditions.

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An unprecedented change is unfolding visibly in our world and our lives. We can no longer ignore extreme events like heat waves, floods and hurricanes that are tipping the balance of nature with unprecedented ferocity and have irreversible impact on nature and biodiversity.

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ITMF NEWS

ITMF welcome three new members

In January 2022, ITMF could welcome three new Corporate Members. The new members illustrate the unique platform ITMF offers for companies from different regions in the world from all segments of the textile value chain.



[ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms \(IIP\), Textile Division](#), based in Dubai, UAE,

identifies industrial gaps in African countries to unlock value and create new industries. The objective is to industrialize key sectors by creating local transformation, maximizing production, efficiency, and cost, which in turn generates local value addition.

Arise IIP (Textile Division) seeks to boost exports, enable local transformation of raw materials and promote trade by tailor-made special economic zones in [Gabon](#), [Benin](#) and [Togo](#). In Benin and Togo Arise IIP will focus at creating value chains for the textile industry – from raw material sourcing (cotton) to resource transformation through manufacturing, to exporting final products.



[Vandewiele](#), headquartered in Belgium, is a textile machinery producer with a wide range of products covering among others yarn extrusion lines, velvet and carpet weaving machines, knitting technologies, finishing machines, winding machines, or sewing machines. It also offers a wide range of electronic technology solutions and components. The company looks back to a history of more than 140 years.



[Vardhman Textiles Ltd.](#) is one of the largest integrated textile and apparel companies in India. The company produces fibers, yarns, threads, fabrics, and garments. The company has its origin in Ludhiana, Punjab in 1962 when Mr. V.S. Oswal and Mr. Ratan Chand Oswal started production with a capacity of 6'000 spindles to manufacture cotton yarn from 1965 onwards. Under the leadership of Mr. S.P. Oswal, Vardhman Textiles has developed into an integrated textile company and has become one of the largest spinners in the world with approx. 1.4 million spindle-equivalents.

ITMF Awards 22: Deadline for applications on April 30th

In 2022 the ITMF will for the first time recognize achievements in the global textile industry by granting awards. The so-called [ITMF Awards 2022](#) will be awarded in the two following categories:

Sustainability & Innovation

The objective is to recognize sustainable and innovative achievements in the textile industry with a focus on innovation, design, development, and production under the strictest standards of sustainability and respect for the environment. The jury will grant this award to a company/organisation or person which/who significantly improved textile manufacturing in the combined areas of innovation and sustainability.

International Cooperation

The objective is to recognize progress in the area of international collaboration in the textile industry according to the values of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The jury will grant this award to a company/organisation or person which/who significantly improved textile manufacturing through the means of international collaboration.

The ITMF is delighted that nine personalities from the industry and academia from around the world have accepted the invitation to join the jury of the ITMF Awards 2022. The winners of the ITMF Awards 2022 will be invited to attend the [ITMF Annual Conference 2022 in Davos, Switzerland](#) where they have the opportunity to present

their achievements.

The **deadline** for applications is [April 30th, 2022](#). All relevant information about the application process, the jury or the criteria is available on the [ITMF Awards 2022-website](#).