



Cotton Value Chain:
"Local Innovations for Global Prosperity"

ORDER OF THE DAY
Monday 4 December 2023 – Morning

9:00 – 10:30 **Fifth Open Session – Technical Seminar: Climate-smart Innovations as Game Changers for Cotton Production**
Chair: Dr Keshav Kranthi, Chief Scientist, ICAC. **Introduction of the session (5 mins)**
Introduction of the speakers (5 mins)

- Climate-Smart Agronomy for improved Soil health and Biodiversity
Ms. Inka Sachse & Ms. Alexandra Perschau, Standard and Outreach, Cotton Made in Africa, AbTF **(20 mins)**
- Climatic-Smart Cotton Production Technologies for Improved Yields
Dr YG Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, India **(20 mins)**
- Climate-Smart Plant Breeding of Cotton
Dr Marc Giband, Cotton Correspondent, CIRAD, France **(20 mins)**
- Discussion **(10 mins)**

10:30 – 11:00 **Refreshment Break, close to the Exhibitor booths area**

11:00 – 13:00 **Fifth Open Session – Technical Seminar: Climate-smart Innovations as Game Changers for Cotton Production (Continued).**
Chair: Dr Keshav Kranthi, Chief Scientist, ICAC **Introduction of the session (5 mins)**
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- Impact of climate change on global cotton **(20 mins)**
Dr Michael Bange, Commercial Research Manager, CSD, Australia

- Implementing Climate resilient innovations in cotton farms (20 mins)
Mr Mahesh Ramakrishnan, Vice-President, Cotton BU Sustainability, Olam Agri, Côte d'Ivoire
- Rewarding carbon credits for climate resilience of small-scale farms (20 mins)
Mr. Ganesh Babu Krishnappa, MD, Boomitra, Bangalore, India
- Regenerative Agriculture, ZBNF, and Organic cotton: Do they combat climate change? (20 mins)
Mr Rajeev Baruah, Global Agronomic Manager, Primark, Delhi, India
- Presentation of the proposed topics for the 2025 Technical Seminar Session – Working Paper 2 (English, Arabic, French, Russian, Spanish) (10 mins)
Dr Keshav Kranthi, Chief Scientist, ICAC
- Discussion (10 mins)
- Concluding Remarks that will be considered in the Final Statement – Dr Keshav Kranthi (5 mins)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at the LOTUS-3 HALL



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14:00 – 16:00 **Sixth Open Session: World Café "Technological Innovations for Global Collaborations"**
Coordinator: Mr Mike McCue, Director Communications, ICAC

- Introduction to the World Café
Mr Mike McCue, Director Communications, ICAC (5 mins)
- Background: Technological Innovations for Global Collaborations
Ms Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, India (15 mins)
- Round Table Discussions (90 mins)
- Wrap up – Chair: Ms. Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, India (5 mins)

16:00 – 16:30 **Refreshment Break**, close to the Exhibitor booths area

16:30 – 18:30 **Seventh Open Session: Industry 4.0 for textiles: smart manufacturing in textiles**
Chair: Mr. Rajeev Saxena, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India **Introduction of the session (5 mins)**
Moderator: Parkhi Vats, Commodity Trade Analyst, ICAC **Introduction to the speakers (10 mins)**

- Emerging trends, challenges and opportunities in cotton textile value chain
Mr Robert P. Antoshak, Partner, Gherzi Textile Organization, USA (15 mins)
- Cotton in the era of technical textiles and its growth potential (15 mins)
Dr Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, Textile Promotion Council, India
- Recycling cotton: Challenges and impact on cotton value chain (15 mins)
Ms Dipanwita Ray, Innovation Analyst, Fashion for Good
- Sustainable Textiles for a Resilient Value Chain (15 mins)
Mr Rahul Bhajekar, MD, Global Organic Textile Standard gGmbH, India

- Industry 4.0 for textiles: Smart manufacturing in textiles (15 mins)
Mr. S. Rajasekaran, Head, R&D, LMW
- Industry 4.0 for textiles: Smart manufacturing in textiles (15 mins)
Mr. Prasanta Deka, Country MD, Rieter India Pvt. Ltd.
- Discussion (10 mins)
- Concluding Remarks that will be considered in the Final Statement – Mr Rajeev Saxena (5 mins)

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Fourth Breakout Session: Perspectives in value addition

Chair: Mr Narendra Goenka, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council **Introduction of the session (5 mins)**

Co-chair: Mr Raman Dutta, Founder and National General Secretary, Brand and Sourcing Leaders Association, India
Introduction to the speakers (10 mins)

- Holistic utilization of cotton plant - Opportunities for Small holder farmers
Dr SK Shukla, Professor of Spinning Research, Director, ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai, India (15 mins)
- Creating the right ecosystem for better quality and higher productivity in Extra Long Staple Cotton (15 mins)
Dr Mohamed Negm, Professor of Spinning Research, Cotton Research Institute, ARC, Giza, Egypt.
- Advances in DNA technologies for traceability (15 mins)
Dr Manoj Kumar Puniya, Scientist, ICAR-CIRCOT, India
- Managing certification and assurance costs for textile value chain
Mr. Anil Jauhri, Former CEO of the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) (15 mins)
- Ensuring inclusive growth of value chain partners (15 mins)
Mr. Rahul Mehta, Chief Mentor, The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India
- Discussion (20 mins)
- Concluding Remarks – Mr Narendra Goenka (5 mins)

18:30 Adjourn

19:30-22:00 Cultural Programme and Dinner; Host State: Government of Maharashtra