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Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources



Dear valuable partners, dear textile community,

We are excited to announce the upcoming [Textile Symposium on “Responsible Resource Use in the Textile Industry”](#) taking place **6 – 7 September 2023** in Dresden (in English, Location: Kraftwerk Mitte). Register now and actively participate in exciting discussions around all topics along the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the textile value chain like the water and chemical consumption, sustainability assessment and the Resource Nexus, social innovation, circular economy aspects, as well as topics around nature and a sustainable transition in the sector. We want to bring all relevant stakeholders together so that this event will inspire you and define key themes for future research agendas and your own action plan to drive change together.

In the run-up to the event, UNU-FLORES also invites you to the **Welcome Reception**, an evening dedicated to fostering connections and strengthening partnerships, attended by all our all German and Bangladeshi [project partners](#). The exclusive event will take place **5 September, 4:30 – 7:30 pm** at the Dresden International University Dresden, just a few minutes' walk from our offices. The symposium will be opened that evening by the Ambassador of Bangladesh (Embassy Berlin), the Vice Chancellor of our partner university AUST and our Director before we dive into the topics of education, capacity building and research in the field of sustainable textiles.

Feel free to extend this invitation to your colleagues who share an interest in expanding their professional network. We look forward to seeing you latest in early September to discuss, brainstorm and network in person and welcome you here in Dresden!

Textile Symposium Organisation Team

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[Draft Agenda of the Textile Symposium](#) (Updated: 24 August 2023)

Pre-Event: 5 September, 4:30 – 7:30 pm (📍 Dresden International University: [google/maps/eyes](https://www.google.com/maps/eyes))

*Welcome Reception before the Textile Symposium with focus on “Research, Education & Capacity Building for Sustainable Development”.* You find the speakers overview below:

- **Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan**, Ambassador, Embassy Bangladesh Berlin
- **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Fazli Ilahi**, Vice Chancellor, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST)
- **Prof. Dr. Edeltraud Günther**, Director, UNU-FLORES
- **Rashed Al Mizan & Noor-E-Farzana Annesha**, AUST
- **Shirin Araghi**, Designer C&A / GIZ Consultant

Main Event, Day 1: Textile Symposium, 6 September (📍 Kraftwerk Mitte: [google/maps/ABU](https://www.google.com/maps/place/41.871455,13.737222))

9:00 am Location Open for Guest Registration

**9:30 am** Opening of the first Symposium Day by the Moderators

*Welcome Note:* **Prof Lal Mohan Baral**, Head of Department of Textile Engineering, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST)

*Keynote “Botanica – STRAUSS’ first completely biodegradable workwear”:* **Friederike Hoppe & Sophie Deuerlein**, Engelbert Strauss

10:00 am **Session 1: Processes and Materials to Reduce Water and Chemicals Consumption**

- Panel Discussion with Aslihan Memisoglu, **Amira Jehia** from Drip by Drip, **Tanvir Kabir** from the Embassy Bangladesh in Berlin, and **Dr Holger Erth** from Textilausrüstung Pfand GmbH (Textile Finishing SME)

11:30 am **Session 2: Resource Nexus and Sustainability Assessment**

- Academic Input: **Serena Caucci**, UNU-FLORES
- Panel Discussion with Serena Caucci, **Zarmina Khan** from Easer, **Roman Houlbreque** from Retraced and independent researcher **Natascha van der Velden**

01:00 pm Lunch

01:45 pm **Session 3: Social Innovation & Responsibility**

- Academic Input by **Aslihan Memisoglu** from University of Applied Science Niederrhein; **Tanja Strukelj** and **Theresa Falter** from TU Dresden
- Panel Discussion with all academics, **Kamol Gomes** from UNU-FLORES, and **Adiba Afros**, independent consultant

4:00 – 5:30 pm Optional: Tour, Input Talks and Drink Reception at TU Dresden (📍 [google/maps/AQyKl](https://www.google.com/maps/place/41.871455,13.737222)) [Institute of Textile Machinery and High-Performance Material Technology \(ITM\)](#)

Main Event, Day 2: Textile Symposium, 7 September

**9:00 am** Opening of the second Symposium Day by the Moderators

*Welcome Note:* Prof Edeltraud Günther, Director, UNU-FLORES

*Keynote “Sustainability and Circularity in the Textile Value Chain - A Global Roadmap”:* **Dr Robert Reinhardt**, Sustainable Business & Strategy Consultant, UNEP

09:30 am **Session 4: Promoting Circular Economy with Joint Efforts**

- Academic Input: **Henrike Schmitz & Johannes Leis**, SOEX/ TU Chemnitz & Sächsisches Textilforschungsinstitut e.V. (STFI); **Noor-E-Farzana Annesha** and **Md. Mazharul Haque** from AUST
- Panel Discussion with all academics and **Shirin Araghi** from C&A/ GIZ

11:20 am **Session 5: Nature & Textiles**

- Academic Input: **Isabell Rzepecki**, Intern Sustainability & CSR, VAUDE Sports GmbH; **Iffat Anannya / Tamjida Islam** from AUST
- Panel Discussion with all academics, **Kay Kölzig** from Sachsen Leinen GmbH, and **Rony Khan** from Eco Fresh Agro

01:10 pm Lunch

02:00 pm **Impulse Talks on “The Future of Textiles”** by the Asian University for Women (AUW) Bangladesh, Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM) and AUST

**02:30 pm** **Workshop “Sustainable Transition”**

4:10 – 6:00 pm Closing Remarks with Drinks & Snacks