



Natural Fibres Steering Committee Meeting

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

Date:	Wednesday, 15 th January 2025 (during Heimtextil 2025)
Time:	3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Venue:	<p>IVGT Industrieverband Veredlung - Garne - Gewebe - Technische Textilien e.V. Mainzer Landstr. 55 60329 Frankfurt am Main Germany</p> <p>Phone: +49 69 2556 1700 Direction: https://www.ivgt.de/en/home/contact/how-to-find-us.html Google: https://maps.app.goo.gl/JLwDiyL34cVL4Ty7</p> <p>Mandatory registration online before January 14th 2025 at: https://dnfi.org/dnfi-steering-committee-meeting-2025</p> <p>Take part in the meeting from your computer, cell phone, tablet or in person.</p> <p>The room for the meeting at IVGT is no. 1302 on the 13th floor (ID Required).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To walk from Heimtextil, use exit <u>Festhalle</u>, it will take about 15-minutes • To use the S-Bahn from the fair, use exit <u>Torhaus</u> and go two stations to Frankfurt Main Station (<u>Hauptbahnhof</u>), then walk 6 minutes.

Agenda

(ALL TIMES ARE FOR FRANKFURT, CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME GMT +1)
 (THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPOSING MINUTES. THE RECORDING WILL BE DELETED ONCE THE MINUTES ARE COMPLETE.)

2:45 PM

Establish internet connections with participants attending via Microsoft Teams.

3:00 PM

Welcome and introductions: Elke Hortmeyer, Chair DNFI

DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award:

Introduction of Dr. Said Awad, Chief Investment Officer at Scaleup Innovations Holdings and Dr Mohamad Midani, CEO of Valorizen LLC. Valorizen is the winner of the 2024 DNFI Innovation Award for the development of PalmFil®: the World's First Date Palm Fibres.

3:10 PM

Short Reports (5-7 minutes each):

- World natural fiber production, value and employment: Terry Townsend
- World economic outlook and implications for fibre markets: Dawit Kelemework Mekonnen or John Baffes, The World Bank
- Natural Fibre Activities in FAO, EIMamoun Amrouk

- Individual Fibre Reports
 - a. Cotton: Graham Soley
 - b. Banana & Pineapple fibres: Sandra Bohne
 - c. Flax: Damien Durand
 - d. Hemp: Francesco Mirrizi
 - e. Jute & Sisal: Thomas Bressler & Oliver Reimer-Wollenweber
 - f. Wool & Animal Fibres: Dalena White

4:30 PM

DNFI Member Business Meeting

- Election of Officers
 - Elke Hortmeyer, Director of International Relations and Communication, Bremen Cotton Exchange, was elected to a two-year term in 2024 to serve as Chair of DNFI during 2024 and 2025. She is willing to serve the second year of her two-year term during 2025.
 - Dalena White, Secretary General, International Wool Textile Organization, was elected to a two-year term as Vice Chair in January 2023, and she has served her full term. She is willing to stand for re-election to another two-year term in January 2025.
 - Other nominations from DNFI members are welcome

- Calendar of DNFI Activities for 2025 and 2026
 - IWTO Congress, 20-22 May 2025, France
 - EIHA Conference, 11-13 June 2025, Berlin
 - ICNF, 16-18 June 2025, Lisbon
 - ITMF, 23-25 October, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 - ICAC, tbd.
 - Other tbd.

- DNFI Web site
 - a. Report from Stefan Schmidt on use and utility
 - b. Discussion, suggestions for change, improvement

- Date and Place of the 2026 DNFI meeting

- Any other business

5:30 PM

Adjourn