



Natural Fibres Steering Committee Meeting

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

Date:	Wednesday, 14 th January 2026 (during Heimtextil 2026)
Time:	2:00 PM to 5:30 PM (14:00 – 17:30 o'clock)
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/anfahrtsbeschreibung/ Google: https://maps.app.goo.gl/sC8RqLeFMyLnGtZQ9 Apple: https://maps.apple.com/place?place-id=I1B64C1C61BBED4AB</p> <p>Mandatory registration online before January 13th 2026 at: https://dnfi.org/go/registration-dnfi-scm-2026</p> <p>Take part in the meeting from your computer, cell phone, tablet or in person.</p> <p>The meeting room is indicated on the information boards in the building. The staff at reception will show you the way. (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

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(THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPOSING MINUTES. THE RECORDING WILL BE DELETED ONCE THE MINUTES ARE COMPLETE.)

1:45 PM

Establish internet connections with participants attending via Microsoft Teams.

2:00 PM

Welcome and introductions: Elke Hortmeyer, Chair DNFI

2:10 PM

DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award:

Introduction of Mr Mohammad Faraz.

2:25 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, The World Bank (confirmed, virtual)
- Natural Fibre Activities in FAO, ElMamoun Amrouk (**invited**)

- Individual Fibre Reports
 - a. Cotton: Jon Devine, Cotton Inc. (confirmed, virtual)
 - b. Banana & Pineapple fibres: Sandra Bohne (confirmed)
 - c. Flax: Damien Durand (confirmed)
 - d. Hemp: Francesco Mirrizi (confirmed, virtual)
 - e. Jute & Sisal: Thomas Bressler (confirmed) & Oliver Reimer-Wollenweber (confirmed)
 - f. Wool & Animal Fibres: Dalena White (7:30)

4:10

Break

4:30 PM

DNFI 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 another two-year term beginning in 2026.
 - Dalena White, Secretary General, International Wool Textile Organization, was elected to a two-year term as Vice Chair in January 2025. She is willing to serve the second year of her term during 2026.
 - Other nominations from DNFI members are welcome

- Calendar of DNFI Activities for 2026 and 2027
 - IWTO Congress, xxxx
 - EIHA Conference, xxxx
 - ITMF, xxxx
 - 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 2027 DNFI meeting
- Any other business

5:30 PM

Adjourn

DNFI Innovation in Natural fibres Award and Panel discussion at Heimtextil 2026

Date/Time: Thursday, 15th January 2026

Venue: Messe Frankfurt Germany, Hall 6 Level 0, B31, Texpertise Stage

(<https://heimtextil.messefrankfurt.com>)