



THE 15TH ACFIF CONFERENCE
13th to 15th May, 2026
Penang, Malaysia

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Greening The Supply Chain: Sustainability Practices For the Future

Conference Synopsis

This conference focuses on transforming traditional supply chains into environmentally responsible systems that drive both ecological benefits and business value. As climate change, resource scarcity, and consumer activism intensify, organizations across industries must reengineer their supply chain practices to reduce environmental impact while maintaining competitiveness.

The conference will specifically address two complete chemical fibre supply chains: one serving industrial applications and the other serving clothing consumers, as well as other consumers directly related to chemical fibres. This dual-focus approach examines the entire value chain, from raw material sourcing to fibre manufacturing, textile processing, product fabrication, and ultimately to industrial users, brand owners and retailers who bring these products to market. This comprehensive approach recognizes that sustainability requires coordination among all stakeholders, including chemical companies, fibre producers, fabric mills, manufacturers, fashion and home textile brands, industrial product developers, and retail partners.

The conference will explore innovative strategies, technologies, and partnerships that enable companies to build truly sustainable supply chains that are prepared for future environmental challenges and regulatory requirements. Special attention will be given to transparency initiatives, circular economy models, and collaborative approaches that connect upstream manufacturing processes with downstream applications in both industrial and consumer contexts to create holistic sustainability solutions across the entire chemical fibre value chain.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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PRE-CONFERENCE : MAY 13, 2026 (WEDNESDAY)

TIME	PROGRAM
14:00 – 15:30	Meeting of Heads of Delegates and Secretary-Generals of the Federation
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 18:00	Global Meeting
18:00 – 20:30	Dinner of Heads of Delegates, Secretary-Generals and Host Country Committee

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CONFERENCE DAY 1 : MAY 14, 2026 (THURSDAY)

TIME	PROGRAM
08:30 – 09:30	Registration of Delegates & Entering Conference Room
	Arrival of Guest of Honour
09:30 – 11:00	Official Ceremony
09:30 – 09:45	Opening Announcement by Emcee
	Announcing Nomination of the New Chairman of ACFIF * President of MTMA
	Announcing Nomination of the New Vice Chairman of ACFIF * President of PSFMG
	Announcing Nomination of the New Secretary-General of ACFIF * Secretary-General of MTMA
09:45 – 10:00	Welcoming Remarks by Chairman of ACFIF
	Ms Regina Leong, President of MTMA
	Opening Remarks by The Honourable Dato Sri Tan Thian Poh, Honorary Chairman of MTMA
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction of Heads of Delegates and Distinguished Guests

10:05 – 10:45	Opening Ceremony by Malaysia
	Speeches by The Honourable YB Tuan Sim Tze Tsin, Deputy Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia
	Keynote Address by The Honourable YB Tuan Steven Sim Chee Keong, Minister of Entrepreneur and Cooperatives Development (KUSKOP), Malaysia
	Launching Gimmick
	Presentation Token of Appreciation
	Photography Session
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:15	Remarks by Outgoing Chairman of ACFIF Mr. Sukhyun Kim, Chairman of <i>Korea Chemical Fibers Association</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Country/Region Presentation (15 Minutes Each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ China by China Chemical Fibers Association By: Mr. Song Xiquan, President of Tayho Advanced Materials Group ▪ India by Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry By: Mr. Pinaki Ranjan Das, Secretary-General, ASFI
11:45 – 11:50	Q&A
11:50 – 12:20	Country/Region Presentation (15 Minutes Each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indonesia by Indonesian Fiber and Filament Yarn Makers Association By: Mr. Redma Gita Wirawasta, Chairman of Indonesian Fiber and Filament Yarn Makers Association ▪ Japan by Japan Chemical Fibers Association By: Mr. Kazushige Sakamoto (Managing Executive Officer, Kuraray Co., Ltd)
12:20 – 12:25	Q&A
12:25 – 12:55	Country/Region Presentation (15 Minutes Each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Korea by Korea Chemical Fibers Association By: Mr. Kim Jingyu, Vice Chairman, Korea Chemical Fibers Association (KCFA) ▪ Pakistan by Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers Group By: Mr. Rizwan Afzal Chaudhry, Chairman of Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers Group, Pakistan
12:55 – 13:00	Q&A

13:00 – 14:30	Luncheon
14:30 – 15:15	Country/Region Presentation (15 Minutes Each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chinese Taipei by Taiwan Man-Made Fiber Industries Association By: Mr. Kevin Juang, Vice Chairman of Taiwan Man-Made Fiber Industries Association ▪ Thailand by Thai Man-Made Fiber Industries Association By: Mr. Chen Namchaisiri, Chairman, Thai Man-Made Fiber Industries Association ▪ Malaysia by Malaysian Textile Manufacturers Association By: Madam Hasnah Ahmad, Executive Director, MTMA
15:15 – 15:25	Q&A
15:25 – 15:35	Coffee Break
15:35 – 16:05	Special Presentation <i>Petronas Chemicals Group : Leading Growth in Glycols</i> By: Ms Nur Fadhlin Ali, Head of Marketing, PETRONAS Chemicals Marketing Labuan Ltd, Malaysia
16:05 – 16:40	SPECIAL AGENDA – Is Recycling the Best Path to a Sustainable Fibre Supply Chain? Moderator : CEO, Recron Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Mr. Gunjan Sharma <u>Panellists:</u> 1. Mr. Chen Namchaisiri, Chairman of Thai Man-Made Fiber Industries Association, Thailand 2. Mr. James Kuo, Chairman of Taiwan Textile Federation, Chinese Taipei 3. Mr. Sanjay Mehrotra, Jt. President Marketing Textiles - Century Enka Ltd, Member (Nylon Industries), ASFI, India 4. Mr. Chen Xiwei, Chairman of China Chemical Fibers Association, China
16:40 – 16:50	Q&A
16:50 – 17:15	Closing Remarks and Announcement
	Group Photograph Session for Heads of Delegates
17:15 – 18:30	Joint Meeting of Secretary-Generals to finalize:
	→ Joint Communiqué
	→ Media Release / Conference Preparation

18:30 – 19:15	Networking Reception
19:15 – 21:30	Dinner with Chief Minister Of Penang, The Right Honourable YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow.
	Welcoming Remarks by Ms Regina Leong, President of MTMA
	Keynote Address by The Right Honourable YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang
	Presentation of Token of Appreciation
	Presentation of Video
	Food Presentation by Penang Marriott Hotel
	Traditional Dance Performance
	Dinner and Networking

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CONFERENCE DAY 2 : MAY 15, 2026 (FRIDAY)

TIME	PROGRAM
08:30 – 09:00	Entering Conference Room
09:00 – 09:45	Special Presentation by European Man-Made Fiber Association (CIRFS) Topic : Sustainability and other developments in the European man-made fibres industry By: Mr. Frédéric Van Houte, Director General CIRFS
09:45 – 10:10	Theme Paper 1 : Presentation by Thai Man-Made Fiber Industries Association, 25 Min. Topic: Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality in the Chemical Fibre Supply Chain. By: Mr. Tapankumar Sannigrahi, Head of Sales & Marketing at Indorama Polyester Industries Public Company Limited, Thailand
10:10 – 10:15	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by South Korea
10:15 – 10:40	Theme Paper 2 : Presentation by Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry, India, 25 Min. Topic: Powering Integrated Sustainability Ecosystem Through Value Chain Innovation By: Mr. Hemant D. Sharma, President - Polyester, Reliance Industries Limited and President - Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry (ASFI), India
10:40 – 10:45	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by Chinese Taipei
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:25	Theme Paper 3 : Presentation by Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers Group, Pakistan, 25 Min. Topic: Sustainability Practices in Chemical Fibres and Textile Manufacturing By: Mr. Rizwan Afzal Chaudhry, Chairman of Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers Group, Pakistan
11:25 – 11:30	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by China

11:30 – 11:55	<p>Theme Paper 4 : Presentation by Korea Chemical Fibers Association, 25 Min.</p> <p>Topic: Challenges for the Chemical Fiber Industry in the Era of Climate Crisis</p> <p>By: Mr. Changhun Jeong, <i>Head of Business Policy Office</i> of Korea Chemical Fibers Association, South Korea</p>
11:55 – 12:00	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by India
12:00 – 12:25	<p>Theme Paper 5 : Presentation by Japan Chemical Fibers Association, 25 Min.</p> <p>Topic: Future Plans for a Sustainable Chemical Fibres Production and Its Supply Chain</p> <p>By: Mr. Akimoto Uchikawa, President of JCFA, President and CEO of Teijin Limited, Japan</p>
12:25 – 12:30	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by Thailand
12:30 – 12:55	<p>Theme Paper 6 : Presentation by Indonesian Fiber and Filament Yarn Makers Association, 25 Min.</p> <p>Topic : Sustainability and Its Impact on Fibre Production Costs</p> <p>By: Mr. Basrie Kamba, Board Advisory of Indonesian Fiber and Filament Yarn Makers Association, Indonesia</p>
12:55 – 13:00	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by Pakistan
13:00 – 14:30	Luncheon
14:30 – 14:55	<p>Theme Paper 7 : Presentation by Taiwan Man-Made Fiber Industries Association, 25 Min.</p> <p>Topic: Collaboration and Partnership for a Sustainable Chemical Fibres Industry</p> <p>By: Ms. Gloria Lien, Manager of Far Eastern New Century Corporation, Chinese Taipei</p>
14:55 – 15:00	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by Japan
15:00 – 15:25	<p>Theme Paper 8 : Presentation by China Chemical Fibers Association, 25 Min.</p> <p>Topic: China Chemical Fiber Industry Initiatives in Driving Sustainable Chemical Fibers Supply Chain in The World</p> <p>By: Mr. Li Lingshen, Vice Chairman of China National Textile and Apparel Council, China.</p>
15:25 – 15:30	Comments and Q&A on Presentation by Indonesia
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:25	<p>SPECIAL AGENDA – Who Truly Drive Sustainability, or Is It Just Greenwashing ?</p> <p>Moderator : MTMA President, Ms Regina Leong</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Rizwan Afzal Chaudhry, Chairman of Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers Group, Pakistan 2. Mr. Kenichi Tomiyoshi, Executive Vice President & Director General, Japan Chemical Fibers Association, Japan 3. Mr. R.D. Udeshi, Strategic Advisor - MCPI, Past Longest President of ASFI, Member ASFI, India 4. Mr. Yongtae Kim, Vice President of Nylon Sales at the Hyosung TNC, Korea
16:25 – 16:35	Comments and Q&A on Presentation
16:35 – 17:00	Adoption of Joint Communiqué
	Concluding Remarks by the Chairman of ACFIF
	Acceptance speech by the host country for the 16 th ACFIF Conference (Pakistan)
	Closing Ceremony
17:00 – 17:30	Media Conference to be attended by the Chairman of ACFIF and Heads of Delegates
17:30 – 18:00	Networking Reception
18:00 – 20:30	FAREWELL DINNER (Hawker-Style Buffet)
	Dinner Address by The Honourable Dato Teh Hock Soon, Chairman, Steering Committee of the 15 th ACFIF Conference, Toray Malaysia Industries Sdn Bhd
	Cake Cutting Ceremony
	Dinner Toast by The Honourable Dato Teh Hock Soon and the 15 th ACFIF Steering Committee
	Live Band Performance
	Toasting Session by Heads of Delegates of India, Indonesia, Japan and Thailand
	Toasting Session by the Heads of Delegates of China, Chinese Taipei, Pakistan, and South Korea
	Closing by MTMA President together with MTMA EXCO Members