

The Future is Behind the Door
Let's Knock Together!



Inspiring Change and Create2Inspire 2026
9th International Conference on Textiles and Design Competition
October 14, 2026 | Pearl Continental Hotel | Lahore, Pakistan.



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Challenges and Strides are the Wings of Success

Inspiring Change 2026

Accelerate your growth and explore endless Possibilities.

Discussing Possibilities to Conquer Challenges with the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions

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Introduction

The **9th International Inspiring Change Conference (ICC) 2026** marks a bold step into a new decade of dialogue, disruption, and decisive action for a truly sustainable textile future.

Set to take place on **October 14, 2026** at the Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore, this landmark edition will convene global leaders, visionary innovators, and industry changemakers to accelerate the transition toward a regenerative and circular textile economy.

Curated by TEXTalks International, ICC 2026 will spotlight breakthrough technologies, responsible business models, and forward-looking policies that drive resilient, ethical growth across the value chain.

Through high-impact sessions, candid expert dialogues, and purposeful networking, participants will gain actionable insights, build powerful partnerships, and co-create solutions that address the industry's most pressing sustainability challenges.

As the textile sector confronts unprecedented environmental and social imperatives, the time for incremental change has passed. ICC 2026 is more than a conference — it is a collective call to courage and conviction.

Every breakthrough starts with a knock.

Objectives

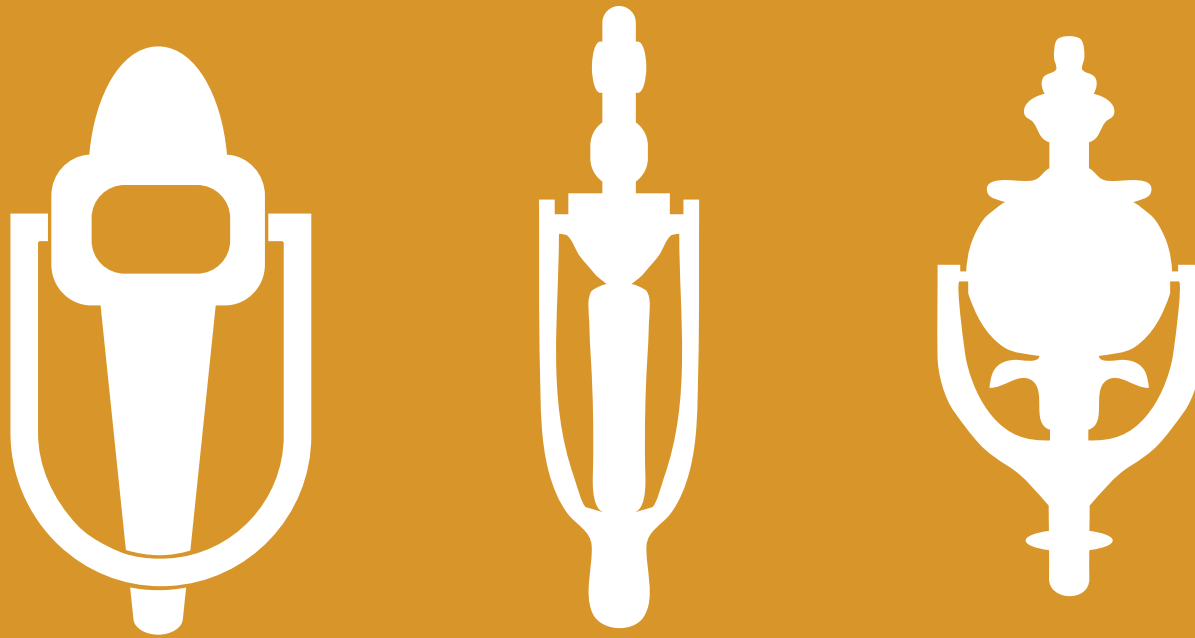
At ICC 2026, every idea, every innovation, and every voice becomes part of a shared movement toward transformation. This is where ambition meets responsibility, and where the textile industry reimagines itself for a world that demands more, more sustainability, more accountability, and more purpose.

Opportunities for the Participants

- Discussion on the latest global trends
- Opportunities to explore new ideas and technologies
- Evaluating and finding solutions for the issues and challenges faced by the textile industry
- Sustainable textile development
- Corporate networking with national and global textile experts

About the Organizers

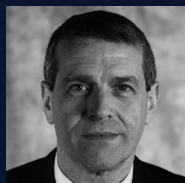
Since its establishment in 2006, TEXtalks International has been a trusted voice in the textile industry. By delivering timely updates, insightful reviews, and seamless connections across sectors, it effectively meets the communication and information needs of professionals worldwide through its comprehensive web portal and globally distributed textile magazine. The conference continues this mission, empowering the industry with excellence.



A collective knock on the doors of future possibilities.



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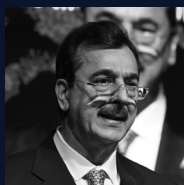
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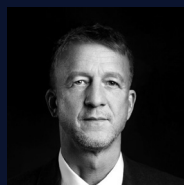
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