

## NOTICE

It is a matter of honour and pride that Government of India in Ministry of Textiles is hosting the 81<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, in association with the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI), the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) and the Cotton Association of India (CAI). This event is being hosted by India after nearly 8 years and will be the first in-person Plenary Meeting since 2019 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The inaugural session of the Plenary Meeting will be held on 02.12.2023 at 02:00 p.m. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India will be the Chief Guest for the inaugural session.

The theme of the Plenary Meeting "Cotton Value Chain: Local Innovations for Global Prosperity" encompasses a broad range of topics, including Technologies to Increase Productivity, Global Economics of Cotton Production, Market Outlook, Trade, Forecasting Global Textiles Demand and Supply, Private Sector Recommendations for Traceability Policy, Global efforts in Branding Sustainability and Quality Assurance, Price Risk Management in Cotton, Climate-Smart Innovations as Game Changers for Cotton Production, Recent Impactful Technological Advances, Technological Innovations for Global Collaborations, Industry 4.0 for Textiles: Smart Manufacturing in Textiles, Genetics, Diversity to Enhance Cotton Productivity, Advances in Textile Technologies and other sessions. Detailed agenda for the Plenary Meeting can be found at ICAC (<https://www.icac.org/Meetings/Details?eventId=1229>).

As all are aware, ICAC was formed in 1939 and has 27 Member countries at present as members of the ICAC, which include India. ICAC is the inter-governmental body covering cotton that is recognized by the United Nations. India is one of the founder members of this forum. The Plenary Meeting of the ICAC provides a forum for discussions on international issues of importance to the World Cotton industry, and provides an opportunity for the industry and the government leaders from cotton producing, consuming and trading countries/bodies to deliberate on matters of mutual concerns.

This Meeting is expected to draw participation of about 500 senior Government officials, researchers, and private-sector professionals from all sectors of the global cotton and textile value chain. Expert speakers across the Globe will share their insights on the industry's greatest challenges and opportunities and work to evolve collaborative approach to handle ecosystem issues and help enable / expand capacities of the whole of Textile value chain by leveraging solutions through this knowledge exercise.

As you might have seen that this four-day event, ICAC has already commenced online registration of participants at "<https://icac.regfox.com/81st-plenary-meeting-of-the-international-cotton-advisory-committee>" and delegates are required to pay a Registration fee of US\$850 (equivalent to INR 71,000/-). **However, ICAC has agreed with our Organizing Committee's proposal to offer a concessional rate of Rs. 59,000/- as Registration fee per delegate (Rs. 50,000/- plus 18% GST) for Indian delegates.**

**The Registration page for Indian delegates will be made live on the eve of World Cotton Day on 07.10.2023 at "<https://www.cotcorp.com>". This can be reached through linked ICAC website also.**

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Indians desirous of participating in this event are hereby intimated that they may avail of this special rate and join the amazing collaborative deliberations and engagements among representatives from governance, industry, trade, academia and research at the Plenary being hosted by us in the pleasant December at Mumbai.

Date: 06.10.2023.

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Organizing Committee