



## CIRCULARITY AND INNOVATION: AFRICA'S MANUFACTURING TRANSFORMATION





At ASFW, the focus on Sustainability in Manufacturing & Design and Circulation in Fashion takes center stage. Africa continues on this transformative journey in sustainable manufacturing with the aim to align economic growth with environmental responsibility.

The textile and garment sectors are evolving, prioritizing eco-consciousness, circularity, and economic viability. These efforts not only drive growth but also preserve Africa's cultural heritage. For example, East Africa alone recorded impressive milestones in textile and apparel exports, contributing significantly to its economic success.

With the global fashion industry generating over 2.1 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually, Africa has a unique opportunity to lead in reshaping the industry's environmental footprint. Countries like Kenya and Ethiopia are already at the forefront of sustainable practices in the leather industry supported by commitments from international organizations like UNIDO.

By 2025, the global sustainable fashion market is projected to grow to \$9.81 billion, presenting Africa with an opportunity to redefine its image. ASFW 2025 will showcase these advancements, focusing on innovative technologies, recycling and upcycling practices, and renewable energy integration in manufacturing etc.

Through prioritizing sustainable and circular practices, Africa is not just contributing to the global conversation but is paving the way for a conscious, ethical, and thriving fashion industry.



#### THE ROLE OF AFCFTA:

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) emerges as a catalyst for change. Operational since 2021, AfCFTA creates an expansive market, encouraging intra-African trade. This agreement is a gateway for sustainable products from Africa to reach a broader audience.

## AFRICA SOURCING AND FASHION WEEK 2025



The 11th Africa Sourcing and Fashion Week Addis (ASFW) continues to be the heart-beat of Africa's textile, leather and fashion evolution. Celebrating a decade of innovation and progress, ASFW 2025 anticipates the annual convergence of over 7,000 industry enthusiasts and stakeholders, ready to make a lasting impact on the African textile and fashion la ndscape. We invite you to be part of this celebration and exploration of Africa's boundless potential in textile and fashion.

#### The Journey so far

From fostering regional integration in trade to promoting sustainability in manufacturing and design, ASFW has been at the forefront of shaping important industry dialogues. The past ten editions have etched a remarkable legacy, promoting Africa's textile and leather industries, empowering women, and creating thousands of jobs. The promise for the 2025 edition is to elevate these achievements to new heights.

#### Benefit from Africa's Biggest Exhibition, Conference and B2B Platform:

- \_ After Asia, Africa is the most important sourcing continent for the entire textile value chain.
- \_ Africa as the youngest continent is a major magnet for companies who want to sell and do business.
- \_ AfCFTA will bring more business opportunities for international companies who engage with African counterparts.
- The rise of middle-income society is a huge potential for textile, garment and other fashion products.
- ASFW EXPO: In four days leading manufacturers of cotton, textile, apparel, leather goods and technology present their goods and expertise to over 7,000 international trade visitors.
- ASFW CONFERENCE: Over 100
   experts will present and discuss
   important topics with over 1000
   participants. ASFW conference is
   Africa's biggest textile and garment discussion platform.

- MATCHMAKING / B2B: At Africa's biggest B2B platform for the cotton, textile, garment and leather goods industry, over 400 trade buyers meet with over 120 suppliers.
- DESIGNERS SHOWCASE: ASFW presents WALK FOR BUSINESS where African designers present their newest collection at a special dedicated area.
- ELEGANCE FASHION SHOW:
   ASFW hosts an exclusive invite only fashion show featuring the most talented apparel and accessory designers from all over Africa ready to compete on the runway for the coveted grand prize.
- TRENDS: Discover what is new and trendy for 2025 and beyond. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a peek into the newest colour and textile offerings for the next season.
- FACTORY TOURS: ASFW offers tours through state of the art factories on the last event day.







### **ASFW PRODUCT GROUPS**



#### Messe Frankfurt Texpertise Network – Partner of ASFW

The comprehensive Messe Frankfurt Texpertise Network covers the entire textile value chain, including research, development, yarns, fabrics, apparel, fashion, contract production, home and interior textiles, technical textiles, processing and cleaning technologies.

More information on Texpertise Family: www.texpertise-network.com





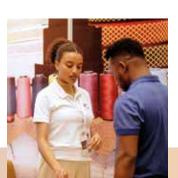
Discover the unique textiles that make collections unforgettable! ASFW offers an extensive selection of fabrics, including cotton, denim, embroidery, lace, functional fabrics, knitted textiles, linen, hemp, prints, shirting, silk, and wool. With exhibitors from over 20 countries, ASFW provides access to materials of the highest quality, perfect for both large-scale production and niche designers. The Small Order Itinerary further enables smaller brands and capsule collections to source efficiently, fostering inclusivity and collaboration in the fashion industry.

Your gateway to sourcing fashion and accessories solutions. African clothing manufacturers and fashion accessory creators showcase their expertise in the Apparel Sourcing area, offering top-tier talent from across the continent. From ready-to-wear collections to bespoke pieces, the fashion segment highlights the innovation and artistry of our African designers.

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Stay at the forefront of innovation with the latest technology and services tailored for the textile, leather, and fashion industries. From state-of-the-art production machinery to IT solutions, exhibitors showcase tools that enhance efficiency and sustainability. Whether it's cutting-edge textile machines or specialized services, this segment supports industrial growth and modernization across Africa.



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#### Explore the extraordinary potential of Africa's leather industry with ASFW's diverse range of leather exhibitors.

This segment features a rich variety of leather and leather products, including footwear, handbags, belts, gloves, and artisanal accessories, that caters to both classic and modern tastes. The showcase unites tanneries, manufacturers, and skilled artisans in a bid to emphasize Africa's dedication to sustainability and innovation in leather production. Visitors can explore eco-friendly tanning techniques, creative designs, and the top quality that defines African leather, solidifying its place on the global stage as a leader in craftsmanship and sustainable practices.



# FASHION ACCESSORIES / HOME / CARE / SERVICE



Think sleek watches, chic sunglasses, statement handbags, and bold scarves. Don't forget about stylish hats, dazzling jewellery, and comfortable yet fashionable shoes. At ASFW you find your perfect finishing touches to elevate your style and make a statement.



#### Dive into the world of home texti-

**les,** where creativity meets quality. ASFW serves as Africa's premier platform for home décor and textiles, featuring exhibitors who present a range of products from soft furnishings to decorative accents. This segment caters to international and regional buyers, providing unique solutions for the growing home and lifestyle



The textile care industry has great potential in Africa due to demand for care products and innovation. At ASFW CARE, you will find the entire textile and cotton care sector. Important international manufacturers and services providers present innovative products and future-oriented services.



Africa's textile and fashion industry has huge demand for the service industry, e.g. specialized IT, logistics and transportation. At ASFW SERVICE you will find international partners presenting solutions for this particular industry. African manufacturers will meet with international service providers.



# FACTS & FIGURES ASFW 2024

Trade and Fairs Group

**EXHIBITORS** 

248

26



30%



19%

echnology



20% Leather & Footwear

5% Home Décor



5% Accessories

TRADE VISITORS

4,864

from

70

Cape Verde Chad Congo

Cameroon Canada

Djibouti

Eritrea Estonia Ethiopia alkland Islands

Ghana

Indonesia Italy Japan Kazakhstan Kenya Lesotho

Malawi

Mali

Mauritius Mexico Morocco Namibia New Zealand Nigeria Norway Pakistan Poland

Portugal

Somalia South Africa Sri Lanka Sudan Tanzania Thailand Turk Uganda

INTEREST OF VISIT

(multiple choices)





25% Garment

22%

20% Technology Cotton / Yarn / Fabric

20%



CONFERENCE

**BUYERS BREAKFAST** 

with

742

65

• EU buyers

· EU diplomats

Ethiopian government

 Organizers Partners

by invitation only

PERSONAL B2B **MEETINGS** 

76

**52** 

in a pre-organized schedule









#### EXCELLENCE IN TEXTILE AND LEATHER VALUE CHAIN



Premier Event dedicated to Textile & Leather Value Chain.

24-26 April 2025

www.asfw-nairobi.com



West Africa's most prominent event for the Fashion Industry and a meeting platform for West and Northern African manufacturers & designers of Cotton, Textile and Leather.

26-28 March 2026

www.asfw-dakar.com

#### **TEXAROUND AFRICA**

Important information platform about African textile and fashion events as well as leading international textile trade fairs. In addition Texaround Africa is a knowledge transfer with information about Africa's textile and leather industry. www.texaroundafrica.com

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