



**INTERNATIONAL
COTTON
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

The ICAC Secretariat invites you to be a member of ICAC's Private Sector Advisory Council

The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) is launching a major new global initiative designed to bring together governments and international, regional and national organisations from the private sector-**and your government has recommended your organisation to be a part of it.**

The ICAC is the only United Nations-recognised intergovernmental commodity body representing cotton and its mandate is to represent the entire cotton and textile supply chain. Its membership consists of 30 countries and governments covering nearly all of the major cotton producing, spinning, weaving, knitting areas as well as the major retail/consumption countries. Traditionally, the interface between the private sector and governments was handled by the Private Sector Advisory Panel, which consisted of selected business executives chosen by the ICAC's Member countries.

However, governments recognise the importance of working more closely and collaboratively with the private sector to develop national policies and international initiatives that will help promote a sustainable, transparent supply chain and increase the demand for cotton. In order to better represent the global cotton supply chain, the ICAC has replaced the Private Sector Advisory Panel with a new, more inclusive and diverse Private Sector Advisory Council (PSAC) whose membership consists of international, national and regional associations as well as non-governmental organisations covering all sectors from covering production, trade, textiles and retailers and brands. Private firms are not permitted to apply to become members of the PSAC and national organisations from non-ICAC Member countries will only be permitted to join as observers.

*The mandate of the PSAC is to foster communication between the private sector and ICAC Member government in order to raise global industry concerns and promote global and regional initiatives and when officially launched in December 2021. **Once formed, the Private Sector Advisory Council will be the only cotton-specific organisation in the world that will draw representation from every section of the cotton value chain on the same platform.***

We sincerely invite you to be a member of the ICAC's PSAC.

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