



AEPC/HO/EP/IATF – 2026-2027

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**Participation in “International Apparel and Textile Fair” in Dubai, UAE
(From 18th to 20th May, 2026)**

Dear Member,

AEPC is participating in “International Apparel and Textile Fair”, Dubai, UAE to be held from 18th to 20th May, 2026, which will take place at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) / Festival Arena in Dubai, UAE.

1. About IATF:

International Apparel and Textile Fair (IATF) is the UAE's premier sourcing platform for apparel, fashion fabrics, accessories, home textiles, footwear, handbags, and related machinery. In its **21st edition**, IATF will showcase **Spring–Summer 2026** collections and **Autumn–Winter 2027** highlights, bringing together global textile and apparel manufacturers with **5,000+ buyers from the Gulf region**.

The fair attracts leading exhibitors including textile mills, trim and accessory suppliers, print designers, and footwear manufacturers from **India, China, Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia**, making it a key networking and sourcing hub for the **MENA fashion industry**.

2. Why you should exhibit in IATF, Dubai?

India is one of the largest trade partner for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the second largest supplier to UAE after China. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is estimated to take bilateral trade between India and UAE to a new level. Apparel imports into Dubai have been increasing in the last five years. UAE's imports of RMG from the world was 3517.4 USD Million in 2020 which increased to 5659.80 USD Million in 2024. Indian export of RMG to UAE has also been increased with India capturing a share of 17.5% in UAE's total apparel import in 2024.

The United Arab Emirates is now becoming the world's leading center for textile industry automation with the presence of about 200 apparel manufacturing companies. Accounting for about 5.5 percent of the world's annual textile and clothing sales, the UAE has today become the world's fourth largest trading center of fashion and apparel. The Gulf countries are gradually becoming the world's leading textile manufacturing and trading centers due to good economic environment and fair trade practices, according to a recent international report.

IATF provides manufacturers and their agents an opportunity to showcase their products to the most influential buyers and designers in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Fashion sphere. Principally a "Trade Only" event, IATF provides a professional and conducive atmosphere for business and networking.

[**For more details about RMG Import into UAE please click here**](#)

3. Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) / Festival Arena in Dubai, UAE

Dates

Dates	Days
Set-up Day : 17 th May, 2026	(Sunday)
Fair Days : 18-20 May, 2026	(Monday-Wednesday)

4. Participation Charges:

Participation Charges are as mentioned below. The participation charges do not include air-fare, hotel expenditure or any other kind of personal expenses (logistics etc.):

Particulars	Participation charges (Rs.)
Cost per booth of (size: 9 sqm.)	Rs. 3,50,000/-
Early Bird Discount (If payment is made on or before 6th February, 2026)	(-) Rs. 15,000/- Rs. 3,35,000/-
After Early Bird Discount (If payment received till 11th March, 2026)	Rs. 3,50,000/-

(For corner booth pay Rs. 10,000/- extra of the application amount) The corner booths will be available subject to its availability).

5. Eligibility for financial assistance under Market Access Initiative (MAI) / Market Access Support (MAS) scheme:

The Apparel Export Promotion Council has submitted a proposal to the concerned Ministry, requesting the MAI /MAS grants for participation in the 21st Edition of International Apparel and Textile Fair (IATF). The Ministry's decision on our proposal is awaited and cannot be considered approved unless confirmed in writing.

The MAI /MAS Grants as and when received will be disbursed to the eligible exhibitors as per MAI/MAS Norms.

6. The last date for submission of application with payment is Wednesday, 11th March, 2026.

7. Payment Mode:

a. Payment please be made through NEFT/RTGS to the following account:

BENEFICIARY: APPAREL EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

Account No- 180401000007320

IFS Code – IOBA0001804

Bank Name- Indian Overseas Bank

ADDRESS: Apparel House, Sector 44, Institutional Area,
Gurgaon-122002 Haryana

b. Demand Draft or Pay Order in the name of "Apparel Export Promotion Council" (payable at Gurugram or New Delhi) may be sent to **Mr. S. Hari Krishnan, Director** (EP Department), Apparel Export Promotion Council, Apparel House, Institutional Area, Sector-44, Gurugram-122003, Haryana, (India) Tel: +91 124 2708108 (D), 2708000-003, Mobile: +91 95604 72244

NOTE:

- a) No cheque payment will be accepted.
- b) Please ensure to share the UTR Details in case of online payment, failing which your participation would not be considered even if payment is already made.

8. Booth Packages:

The following booth facilities shall be provided to the participating exhibitors.

The 9 sq. mtr. booth includes one table, two chairs, name fascia, catalogue entry, carpet, three spotlights, one power socket, and one dustbin for each AEPC exhibitor for the duration of the show.

9. Guidelines for allotment of the booths:

- i) All participants who have paid the full participation fee on time would be considered for allotment of booths through draw of lots by AEPC.
- ii) No change in the booths, once allotted would be entertained under any circumstances.
- iii) The decision of Chairman-EP (AEPC) / Chairman (AEPC) would be final and binding in case of any dispute.
- iv) The participation is on **FIRST-CUM-FIRST SERVED (FCFS)** till all booths are sold and the allotment of stalls shall be done through draw of lot basis.

10. Waitlist:

In case, applications are over-subscribed, a waitlist will be maintained, which would be considered on FCFS basis. Applicants are advised to ensure that they possess will obtain necessary visa to enter UAE. No request for refund will be entertained by AEPC if for any reason whatsoever visa is not granted.

11. Cancellation charges:

Terms & conditions for withdrawal will be as follows:

- Rs. 25,000/- + GST charges will be forfeited if the exporter withdraws before the Draw of Lot.
- 100% forfeiture after Draw of Lot.

12. Application form:

The application form (with Annexure-I) is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. The application may also be downloaded from AEPC's website www.aepcindia.com

Interested members may also apply using following link :

13. For seeking more details, please contact:-

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You are requested to kindly send duly filled in application form with participation fee by way of Demand Draft/Pay Order/NEFT/RTGS in favour of "**APPAREL EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL" GURGAON.**

Similarly, exporters located at Mumbai, Ludhiana, Jaipur, Kolkata, Tirupur, Chennai and Bangalore may deposit the DD/Pay order at Local AEPC offices also. All others may send the Demand Draft/Pay Orders to Gurgaon office.

By making payment towards the participation, the participants hereby undertake to maintain proper decorum and comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations governing their participation in the fair, as well as the laws of the host country. Participants shall be solely responsible for their actions and omissions, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) against any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from their participation in the fair.

Post show obligation of the participant

The exporters must ensure to submit Feedback Form duly filled in to the AEPC representative on the last date of the fair at venue in Dubai, UAE,

Yours Sincerely,

(S Harikrishnan)
Director –EP

Enclosure: [Application Form](#)

Disclaimer: AEPC will not be responsible for the turnout of buyers/buying agents for any BSM/fair/show, etc. The Council will have no liability whatsoever for any kind of refund or payment in this regard. The Council shall not be responsible for booking of hotels, clearance of samples at the customs, for getting VISA & on certain complementary services provided by AEPC and organizational inability of fair organizers & other service providers.