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***Vestechpro, Apparel Research and Innovation Center, joins forces with international players to promote knowledge sharing in textile circularity***

**Montreal, September 21, 2023 - Vestechpro, a technology transfer center affiliated with Cégep Marie-Victorin, joins forces with the Tunisian textile engineering research laboratory LGTex and the French textile testing center CETELOR to present the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of CIRAT.**

**The International Conference on Applied Research in Textiles and Materials (CIRAT) will begin on November 9, 2023, in Montreal, Canada. This will be followed over the next two days, November 10 and 11, 2023, in Monastir, Tunisia, which will be accessible by distance learning.**

**On November 9, 2023, Vestechpro will have the honor of opening the CIRAT ball at the Maison du développement durable in Montreal.**

The day will be dedicated to technologies, international advances, and issues in textile circularity. The event aims to bring together major players in research and higher education, industry professionals, and key players in the apparel-textile ecosystem. It will also be an opportunity to discuss the challenges and levers for an even more sustainable apparel-textile sector in Quebec and internationally.

Presentations will be given by researchers from universities and college technology transfer centers, as well as academic experts and industry professionals. A multi-stakeholder round table will shed light on the challenges of textile circularity. A subject that is more topical than ever on the international stage.

Topics on the agenda for the day:

- Transformation and recycling of residual textiles;
- Importance and role of data for the circular transition;
- Challenges and conditions for a more circular fashion industry.

**Two other days in Tunisia, on November 10 and 11, 2023, will also focus on the following topics:**

- Technical materials and intelligent textiles;
- Biobased materials and composites;
- Digitization and management;
- Fashion and comfort.

CIRAT has historically been organized by LGTex, the textile engineering research laboratory of the Institut Supérieur des Etudes Technologiques (ISET) de Ksar Hellal - Université de Monastir, in Tunisia, a country where the clothing-textile sector plays an important role in the economy.

The detailed program of the event is available online [by clicking here](#)

### [About Vestechpro](#)

Vestechpro is a college center for technology transfer (CCTT) specialized in apparel, affiliated with Cégep Marie-Victorin, and a member of the Synchronex CCTT Network.

Since its founding in 2011, its mission has been to support companies and organizations in the apparel industry in the development of innovative products and projects by offering technical assistance, applied research, training, and information distribution services.

As a Technology Access Centre (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), Vestechpro focuses on the following research areas: smart clothing, specialized and adapted clothing, digital transformation, and the circular economy.

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