**News Release from the IULTCS**

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**Ethiopia to Host Global Leather Industry Events in 2021**

As the world experiences the full impact of COVID-19 the global leather industry looks forward to the time when we have the opportunity to meet again, share our knowledge and renew old friendships. We also look towards countries where we are seeing investment in the industry and the enthusiasm to embrace innovation and adopt new technologies. The launch of **"9 Days of Leather"** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia couldn’t be more pertinent.

Events will commence on 01 November 2021 with the 5th World Leather Congress (WLC) organised by the International Council of Tanners and COMESA LLPI with the theme ‘Leather – a Gift of Nature’.

Delegates can then move on to the major leather science and technology event the XXXVI IULTCS Congress which will be held from 03-05 November 2021 and will be exploring the theme of ‘Greening the Leather Value Chain’. The call for Congress abstracts will open shortly and abstracts will be able to be uploaded to the website.

The Congress venue will be the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, close to the International airport in Addis Ababa.

The final three days, 06-09 November 2021 will then be dedicated to the All Africa Leather Fair (AALF) - Africa´s largest international exhibition dedicated to leather, accessories, components, footwear, leather goods, automotive and furniture.

Prof. Mwinyi Mwinyihija, IULTCS Congress President and Executive Director Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) extends a warm welcome to leather industry friends from around the world as Africa opens the doors in 2021.

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