

## World Furniture Confederation Reanimation and board elections

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Helmut Merkel from MÖBELMARKT congratulates Xu Xiang Nan, the new chairman of the World Furniture Confederation (WFC). Photo: CNFA

*On May 31 and June 1, around 60 representatives from furniture industry associations, institutions and furniture companies met in southwest China's Chengdu to discuss a revival of the World Furnutural Confederation (WFC).*

The WFC has been around for over ten years. However, after a first preparatory meeting in Mallorca and the founding conference in Shanghai, virtually nothing happened. This should be different now.

The meeting in Chengdu took place on the initiative of the Chinese Furniture Association China National Furniture Association. Among the participants were representatives of most of the Asian industry associations, but also participating in the meeting. a. the furniture industry and trade associations from Italy, Federlegno Arredo and Federmobilid, the Russian furniture industry association Amedoro, APMR

from Romania, the Polish Chamber of Commerce of Furniture Manufacturers, the Bulgarian Branch Chamber of Woodwork and Furniture Industry as well as the two European furniture industry federations EFIC and UEA , The internationality of the meeting was also underlined by participants from Egypt, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Pakistan, India and Iran. From Germany the FURNITURE MARKET took part in the two-day meeting.

Already on the first day of the congress it was decided that the WFC will be headed by Xu Xiang Nan, who also heads the CNFA, over the next five years. In the future, the WFC intends to promote the global sectoral dialogue in particular, to strengthen mutual trust, but also to address very specific issues, such as the standardization of standards and the sustainability of furniture in furniture production.

The WFC meeting was held on the sidelines of the International Furniture Fair Chengdu, which, despite its clear focus on China's domestic market, especially in western China, had 300,000 square meters of exhibition space and more than 1,000 exhibitors.

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