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Traceability for Sustainable Value Chains

Enhancing transparency in the
textile and leather sector
for informed and responsible choices

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STEP 1
ABOUT THE
CONFERENCE

HOW TRACEABILITY CAN MAKE TEXTILE AND LEATHER VALUE CHAINS MORE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE

The textile and leather sector is one of the most polluting industries, responsible for more than 1,7 mln tons of CO₂ emissions per year, and 90 mln tons of waste per year, of which 20% only are recycled. Not to mention the health impacts, as about 8% of dermatological diseases are reported to be caused by the chemicals in the clothing and footwear we wear. With current trajectories of production and consumption, these pressures will intensify by 2030, with an estimated increase of about 60%.

On 24th April, it is going to be five years since the Rana Plaza's tragic collapse of a garment factory, where 1,100 lives were lost and many more injured. Significant progress has been made, but more remains to be done on safety risks, while inspection and compliance need to be enhanced to better safeguard the working conditions of more than 60 millions workers in the industry, of which 75% are women.

Global and complex value chains, with production facilities scattered all over the world, makes it very hard to gain accurate information about how and where such impacts occur. In order to increase the industry's ability to manage its value chain more sustainably, both consumers and businesses must first be aware of the nature and magnitude of these risks. Improving transparency and traceability of value chains has therefore become a priority.

At this conference, possible approaches in terms of supporting policies, regulations and standards, along with innovative solutions will be discussed, to guide the sector towards more responsible production and consumption patterns, in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 of the UN Agenda 2030.

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

9:00 -9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Opening - Welcoming remarks

Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
HE M. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United Nation Offices in Geneva
Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Center (ITC)

STEP 2
SESSION
FORMAT
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SPEAKERS

10:00 -12:30 *How can transparency and traceability help make textile and leather value chains more responsible and sustainable (SDG12)? What should companies do to identify, prevent and account for adverse impacts? What is the role of policies and regulations? Which stakeholders need to be engaged and at what stages to overcome sustainability risks for the sector?*

Maria Teresa Pisani, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE
Frans Van Diepen, State Enterprise Agency, The Netherlands

Moderated roundtable discussion

Joseph Wozniak, *Head, Trade for Sustainable Development, ITC*
Dorothy Lovell, *Policy Analyst, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD (by video)*
Conor Boyle, *Better Work's Global Operations Manager, ILO*
Mauro Scalia, *Manager of Sustainable Businesses, EURATEX*
Andrea Redaelli, *Project & Portfolio Manager, Hugo Boss (by video)*
Teresa Moreira, *Head Competition and Consumer Policies, UNCTAD*
Judith Fessehaie, *Trade and Development Manager, ICTSD*
Anita Househam, *Senior Manager, Supply Chain Sustainability & Decent Work, UN Global Compact*

Q&A Session

14:30 – 17:30 *What are the solutions and good practices available for addressing sustainability risks in the sector? How can they be scaled up? How can innovation help, including blockchain technology? What is the role of international standards?*

Moderated roundtable discussion

Lee Tyler, *Senior Manager of Standards Assurance, Textile Exchange*
Francesca Poggiali, *Public Policy Director Europe, GS1*
Sabrina Frontini, *Director, Quality Certification Institute for the Leather Sector (ICEC)*
Markus Pikart, *Secretariat CITES, UN Environment*
Paolo Naldini, *Director, Cittadellarte Fashion B.E.S.T*
Massimo Marchi, *President, Marchi&Fildi*
Andrea Djurle, *Network Coordinator, Swedish Textile Water Initiative, SIWI*
Matteo Ward, *Founder, WRÅD*

Q&A Session