

Recommendations

Gathered at the side event on “Fashion and the SDGs: what role for the UN?” in the context of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region 1st March 2018

**As a summary from the panellists intervention
(including the outcome of discussions and exchange prior to the event)**

on the following questions:

How could the UN reach a comprehensive, coherent and coordinated approach towards the development of a sustainable fashion industry in order to contribute efficiently to reaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

- **Coordination of efforts** by effectively **exchanging information**
- Collectively **make member States and other stakeholders aware** of the **role that the fashion industry can play in achieving the SDGs** (including environmental threads and drivers as well as social issues such as gender equality)
- Engage with the **private sector** as well as employer’ and worker’ organizations
- Explore the establishment of a **UN Partnership on Sustainable Fashion**
- Possibly enlarge the partnership to include other organizations and the private sector
- Take into account **existing frameworks** such as the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, the UN Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the ILO MNE Declaration, the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, and others
- Develop **concrete recommendations with a road map for the private sector** on how to achieve sustainability in the production processes **in light of the SDGs**
- Bring the potential of a sustainable fashion industry for achieving the SDGs to the attention of the **UN High Level Political Forum**, taking place in NY in July this year, in particular through SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production and SDG 15 on life on land
- Explore the possibilities of **further events and cooperation** between UN stakeholders **across the UN system at both global and local level**