THIRD WORKING MEETING -Team of Specialists on ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy



Team of Specialists on ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

Join the ToS meeting to deepen preliminary recommendations by laying-down the foundational elements of an ESG monitoring and reporting protocol, looking at issues from a cross-sectorial and sector-specific perspectives in key value chains for the transition to a circular economy.







Tuesday
9th May 2023



09:30 - 17:30 CEST



Palais des Nations



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Sabrina Frontini Director, Institute of Quality Certification for the Leather



Harm Jan van Burg Vice-Chair of ToS. Senior Policy Advisor on IS OASIS



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Grzegorz **Tajchman IT Solutions** Manager, ITC



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Clarke Former Head One Planet Network secretariat, UNEP



Nathalie Bernasconi Vice Chair of ToS. Executive Director, **IISD** Europe

Tuesday 9 May 2023, Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva Switzerland 09:30-17:30 CEST

Working Meeting

Team of Specialists on ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

09:30 - 10:00 OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS

- •UNECE, Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade, UNECE
- •ToS Secretary, Maria Teresa Pisani, Secretary of the Team of Specialists on ESG and Project Lead, The Sustainability Pledge

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Agenda

09.30-10.00	OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CHAIR OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS
10.00-11.00	ITEM 1: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON ESG TRACEABILITY?
	Break from 11.00-11.30
11.30-12.30	ITEM 2: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART I : DATA FOR ESG MONITORING AND REPORTING PROTOCOL
	Lunchbreak 12.30-14.00
14.00-16.00	ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP- PART II: CROSS-SECTORIAL AND SECTOR-SPECIFIC CHALLENGES Break 16.00-16.30
16.30-17.30	ITEM 4: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART III: FUTURE AREAS OF WORK AND FUNDRAISING:
17:30	CLOSING

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CHAIR OF THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS

Candidate:

 GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation), Christian Hudson, Lead, Global Textiles Transparency Project

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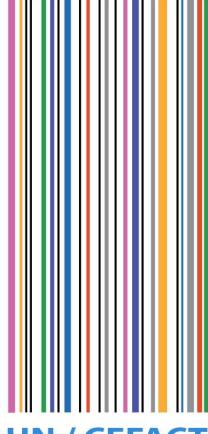
UN/CEFACT 40th Forum

Team of specialists sustainable supply chains

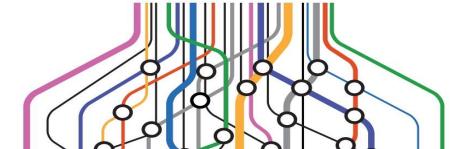
Where are we on ESG Traceability?

Steve Capell gmail.com





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A key risk - greenwashing

As regulatory and consumer pressures drive up demand (and justify premium prices) for sustainable goods, so the commercial incentive to make fake sustainability claims will increase.



EC investigation: 59% of environmental claims had no evidence and 42% were deemed false or deceptive.

Fast Company: 68% of executives admit their company is guilty of greenwashing.

Survey: 78% of consumers believe that companies should be environmentally responsible and are willing to pay premiums for confidence in those claims.

Secretary General Guterres at COP27 2022: "Zero Tolerance for Greenwashing"

https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/high-level expert group n7b.pdf

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip 21 269

https://www.fastcompanv.com/90740501/68-of-u-s-execs-admit-their-companies-are-guilty-of-greenwashing

https://blog.gitnux.com/greenwashing-statistics/

https://www.un.org/en/delegate/%E2%80%98zero-tolerance-greenwashing%E2%80%99-guterres-says-report-launch

What could be the consequences of greenwashing?

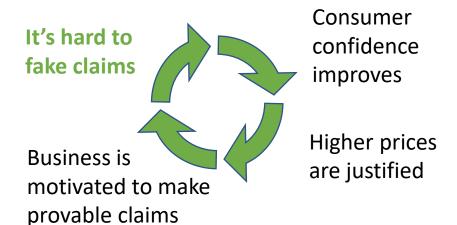
There is already a significant difference between consumer expectation and market behaviour. There are two plausible pathways out of this:

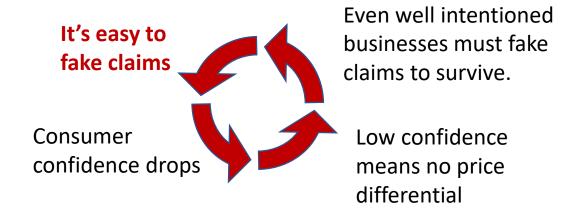
Either: A race to the top

Greenwashing is rare and has nowhere to hide

Or: A race to the bottom

Greenwashing is ubiquitous and undetectable





So we should be motivated to make it hard to fake claims! That is the focus of this presentation.

So how can we trust sustainability claims?

There are three ways that sustainability claims might be verified. They can and should work together

I say it's true : prove me wrong!



Make claims public and rely on activism to call out fakes.

Important starting point but easiest to fake.

They say it's true: do you trust them?



Trusted authorities accredit certifiers who audit the claims.

Good, but you've got to trust the audit process and the auditor.

It's self-evidently true:

I can see the proof myself.

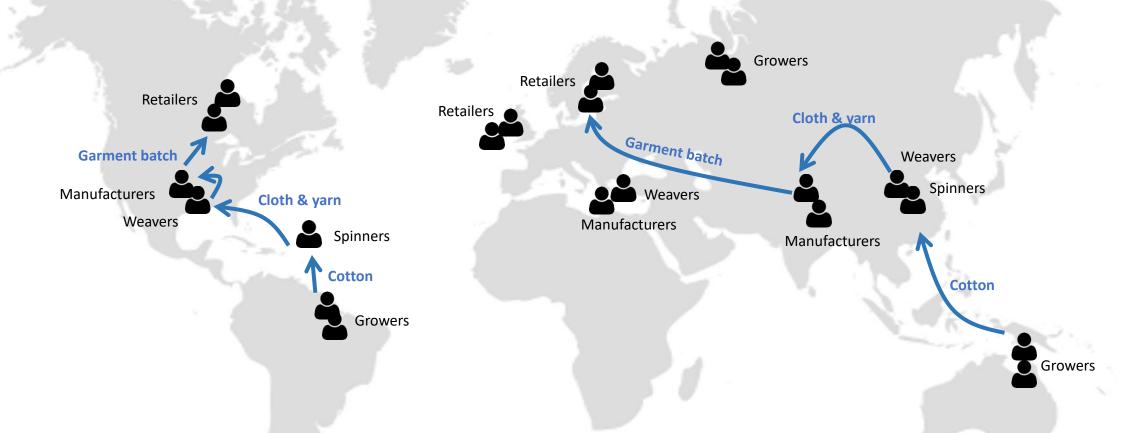


Digitally verifiable traceability & transparency supports the claims

We'll focus on the this one because it's the hardest to fake

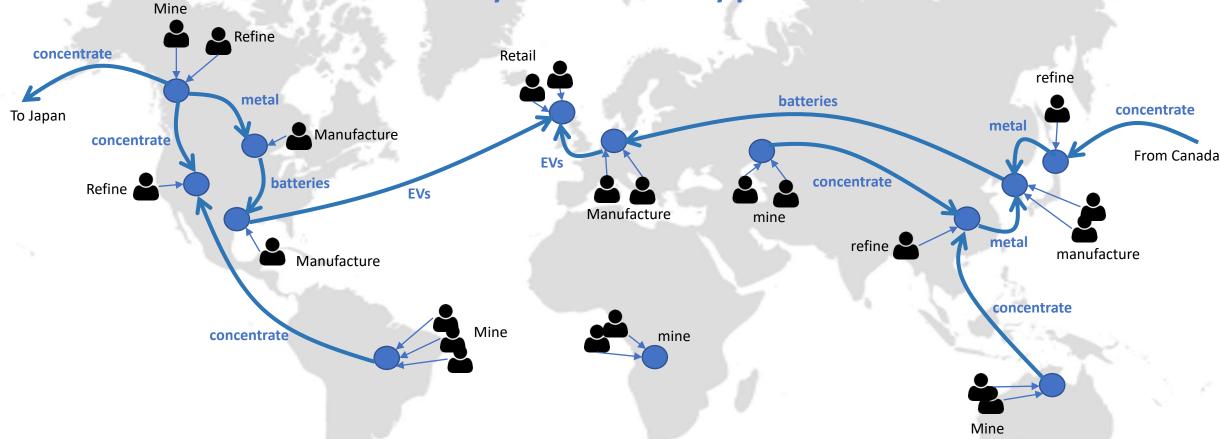
But how to connect up complex global supply chains?

Textile & leather simple example



And there are many different industry sectors.

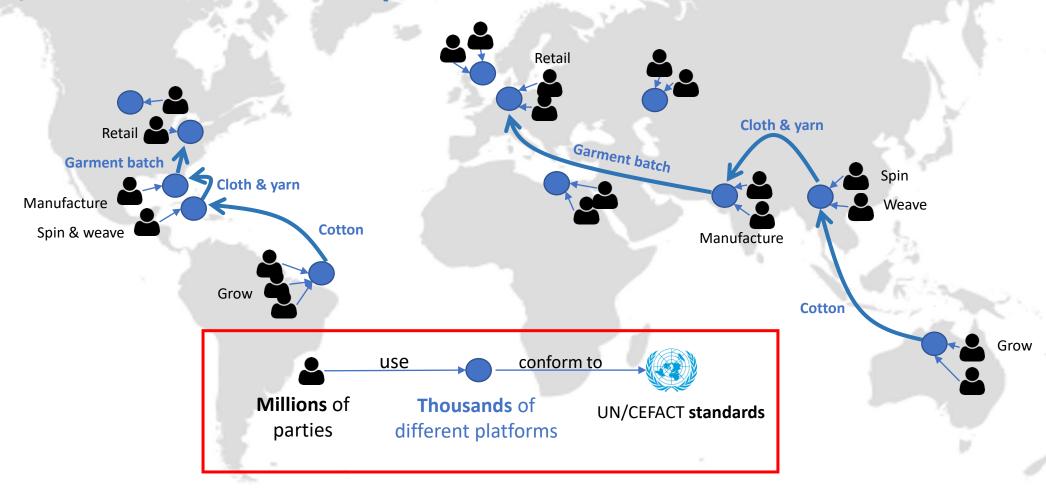
And each industry sector has many platforms to choose from



So the key question is how to connect up the blue dots

And the more decentralised the solution, the greater the need for standards.

UN/CEFACT's mission is to provide those standards.



Here's what we have so far

https://unece.org/trade/traceability-sustainable-garment-and-footwear

Provides the business requirements and detailed traceability and transparency data models that supported the world-leading work of this team.

https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/WhitePaper_VerifiableCredentials-CBT.pdf

A white paper that describes how verifiable credentials provides the most scalable, highest integrity, and lowest cost mechanism to achieve traceability (ie join the dots).

https://vocabulary.uncefact.org

Provides the JSON-LD semantic vocabulary for the claims to put into your VCs. Use this vocabulary so that others can understand the meaning of your claims.

https://test.uncefact.org/vckit

Is an open source VC issuer & verifier that is free for you to use. Alternatively you can use any other software so long as it is interoperable.

And a new project just about to start

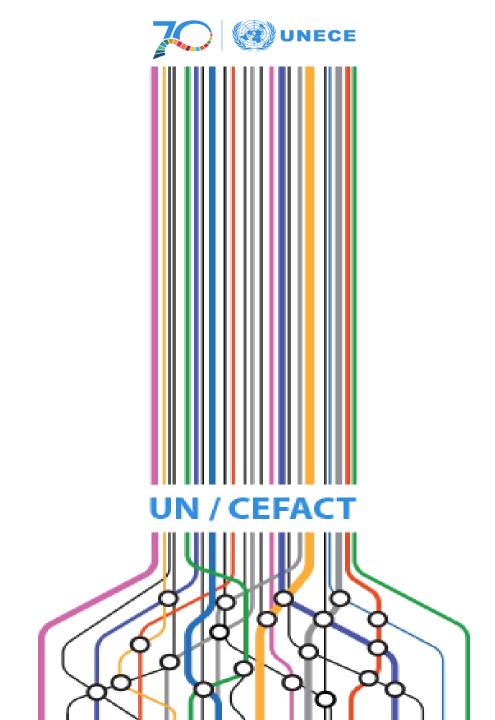
CRM sustainability & resilience.

https://uncefact.unece.org/display/uncefactpublic/Critical+Minerals+Traceability+and+Sustainability
Building on experience from the Textile & Leather traceability work and guided by the principles in the VC white paper, this project will deliver the digital standards to support both sustainability & resilience in the Critical Raw Materials sector. It will also cover areas such as trust graphs, physical-digital links and semantic mapping and so will also establish useful patterns for other sectors.

Thanks for listening.

Questions?

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Traceability and Transparency for Sustainable and Circular Value Chains in Garment & Footwear



What's next

Blockchain Pilots' Projects



- Stella McCartney fully traced regenerative Turkish cotton T-Shirt
- First certified Better Cotton yarn from Uzbekistan
- New pilot for new fibers: wool and synthetics

UNECE-UNECLAC- Fashion Revolution study



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Trade, import and disposal secondhand clothing in Chile

- Upcoming press release
- Upcoming study **peer-review** of (UNEP, EMF, EEA)

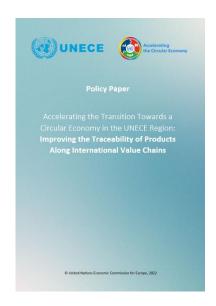
New Pledges for T&T



2021-2023:

- 92 pledges for T&T
- 27 countries
- +450 actors and partners involved

UNECE Policy paper (draft)



Enhancing Traceability of Products along International Value Chains for the Circular Economy and Sustainable Use of Resources





What's next & priorities

Strengthen

KPIs to measure the level of traceability and transparency in garment and footwear

Textile waste traceability

Scale up

Capacity-building activities through **engagement plans** in key focus countries

(i.e. Uzbekistan, ...)

Align

With the **Digital Product Passport** of the EU Eco-design Regulation

→ Product Circularity Data project

Replicate

Traceability & Sustainability for priority sectors for the circular transition

- **Critical Raw Materials**
 - Agri-food

Collaborate

- **GEF** project (reducing chemicals of concern in textiles) (South-East Asia)
- WEF Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition (SMET) WG
 - WBCSD,
 - Sustainable Markets Initiative

CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Product Circularity Data Project 9 May 2023

Virginia Cram-Martos, UN/CEFACT Project Lead Gerhard Heemskerk, UN/CEFACT Editor



Why this project?

• Scope:

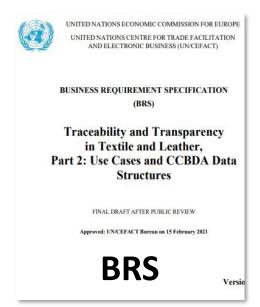
- Improve sustainability through product circularity
- By supporting the exchange of product circularity data:
 - For pre-consumption waste as well as post consumption goods and waste
 - for resale, rental, collections, sorting, recycling
 - for circular lifecycle management (especially post-consumption)

Objectives:

- Global scope
- Cross-Industry with an initial focus on textiles and leather
- Reuse existing standards
- Align with EU Digital Product Passport (DPP)
- Use the UN Core Component Library subset

What will it create?

An additional use case & data exchange structure in the Textile & Leather Business Requirement Specification (BRS)



1. Use case: Traceability Data

(Who, What, Why, Where, When data)

2.Use case: Product Transparency Data

(Certificates, Inspections data)

★ 3. Use case: Product Circularity Data Exchange



Supporting reuse and recycle product life cycly stages through digital representations.

Main Output - Revised Traceability and Transparency Business Requirements (BRS) Specification which includes data for product circularity (blue=existing, red=new)

1	Introduction		
1.1 1.2 1.3	Objective Reference Documents Audience	3.10	Transparency Use Case (Product Circularity)
1.4 1.5 1.6	Status of this document Document context Revision history	3.11	Business Transaction
2	Business Requirement View	3.12	Business Process Flow
2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4	Business Requirement List Business Partner View Business Entity View	3.13	Business Transaction Sequence
2.5	Business Terms Business Choreography View	4	Business Information View
3.1	Generic TT Use Case	4.1	Event Data Model (Traceability)
3.2	Traceability Use Case (Events) Business Transaction		하는 하나 아이들의 아이들 하다 하는 아이들이 하는 아이들이 아이들이 아이들이 아니는 아이들이 아이들이 아이들이 아이들이 아이들이 아이들이 아이들이 아이들
3.4	Business Process flow	4.2	Additional Information Data Model (Transparency)
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4	Business Information View	4.4	Business Document: TT Event Data Message
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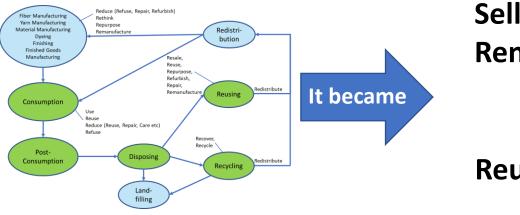
Business Document: TT Event Data Message

Business Document: TT Additional Information Data Message
Business Document: Product Circularity Data Message

Textile & Leather Circular Economy Business Domain View- Draft

Consumption

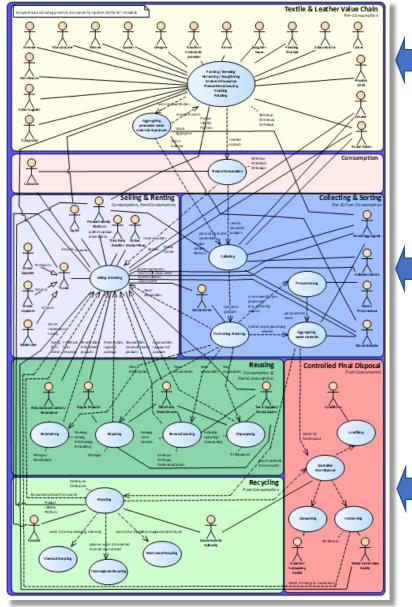
It started like this..



Selling & Renting

Reusing

Recycling



Value Chain

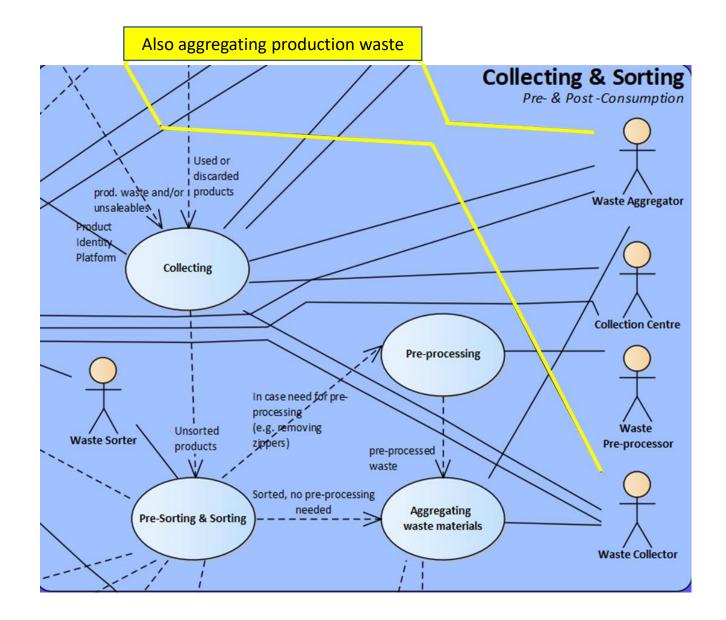
Collecting & Sorting

Controlled Final Disposal

Close-Up Collecting & Sorting - Draft

Also now involved in pre-consumption "Aggregating production waste":

- Waste Collector
- Waste Aggregator
- Waste Collector: A person or a company that is responsible for collecting and transporting waste materials from residential, commercial, and industrial areas to designated facilities for further processing or disposal.
- Waste Aggregator: A company or organization that collects waste materials from multiple sources and aggregates them in a centralized location before transporting them to a processing or disposal facility. Waste aggregators typically operate at a larger scale than waste collectors, working across multiple municipalities or even regions to collect waste from a variety of sources.



Examples of Definitions

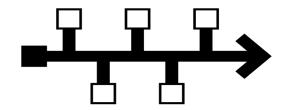
Circularity **actor** definitions

- Waste Exporter	A company who makes, or on whose behalf the export declaration is made,
	and who is the owner of the waste.

Circularity **process** definitions

- Landfilling	Landfilling is a method of waste disposal where solid waste is buried in a		
	designated area of land. It involves depositing waste into a landfill site and		
	compacting it to reduce the volume of the waste. The compacted waste is		
	then covered with soil to prevent odors, litter, and the spread of disease,		
	and to control pests.		

Project milestones



To ensure the quality of our outputs we need as much industry input as possible to our process diagrams as well as the definitions of processes & actors

Where we are now

ODP Stage (open Development Process)	Working Period	Maximum Duration
Requirements gathering	01.2023 to 05.2023	4 months
Draft development	05.2023 to 09.2023	4 months
Public Draft Review	09.2023 to 11.2023	2 months
Publication	11.2023 to 02.2024	3 months
Project exit	02.2024 to 05.2024	3 months

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Product Circularity Data Project

Looking forward to your contributions and to your participation at our next meeting on Friday, 26 May 2023 at 14:00 CET!

To join the project, please contact either the secretariat at jwei@un.org or Virginia Cram-Martos at crammartos@triangularity.net

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Energy & Mines Digital Trust

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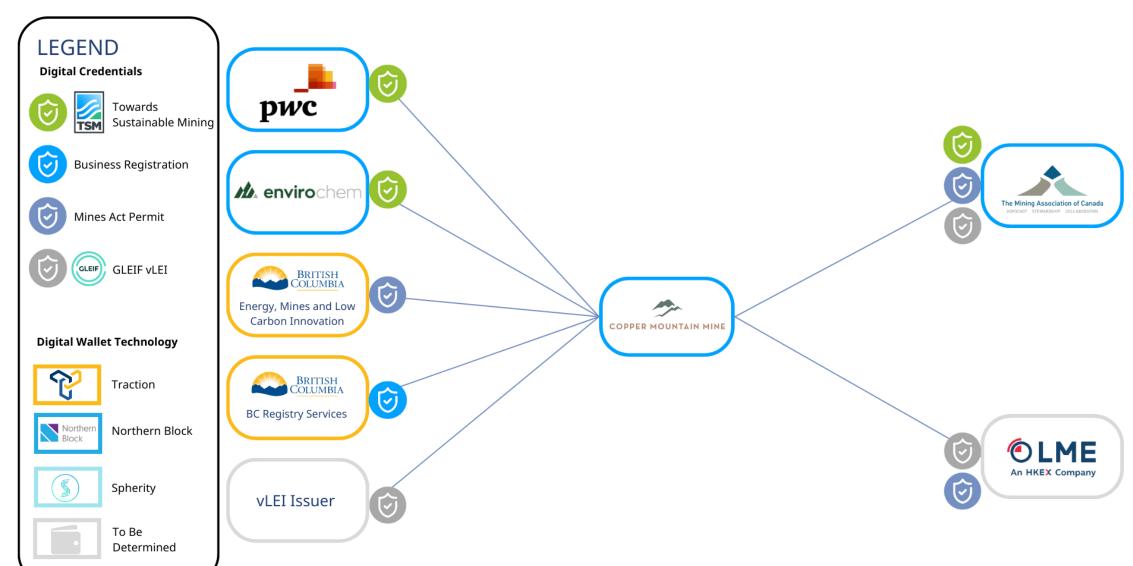






Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Digital Trust Ecosystem: Mining



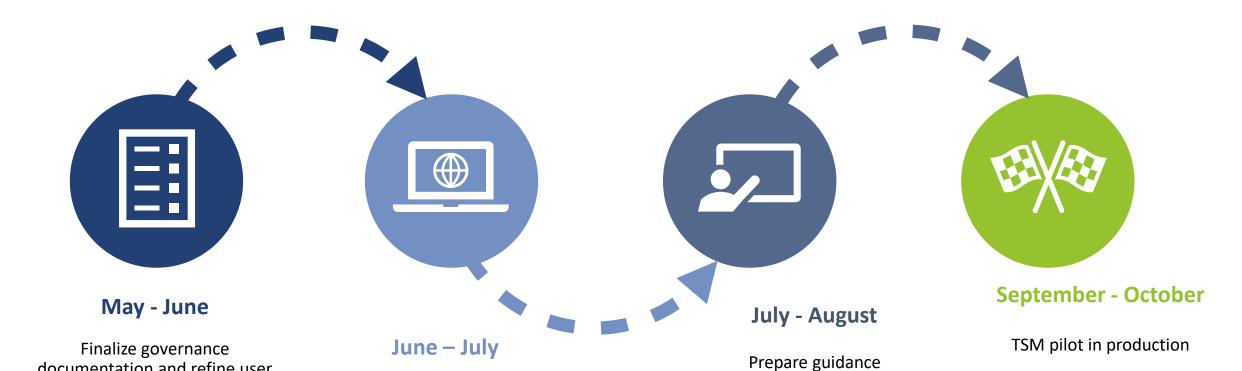
Use Case Examples: Toward Sustainable Mining



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Enthusiasm among pilot participants.
- Increasing desire for verified ESG data at the mine site level.
- Reduced administrative burden.
- EMDT's governance work with pilot participants will apply internationally, with a notable potential for wide scale adoption.

TSM Production Timeline



Determine end-to-end process

and explore technical integrations

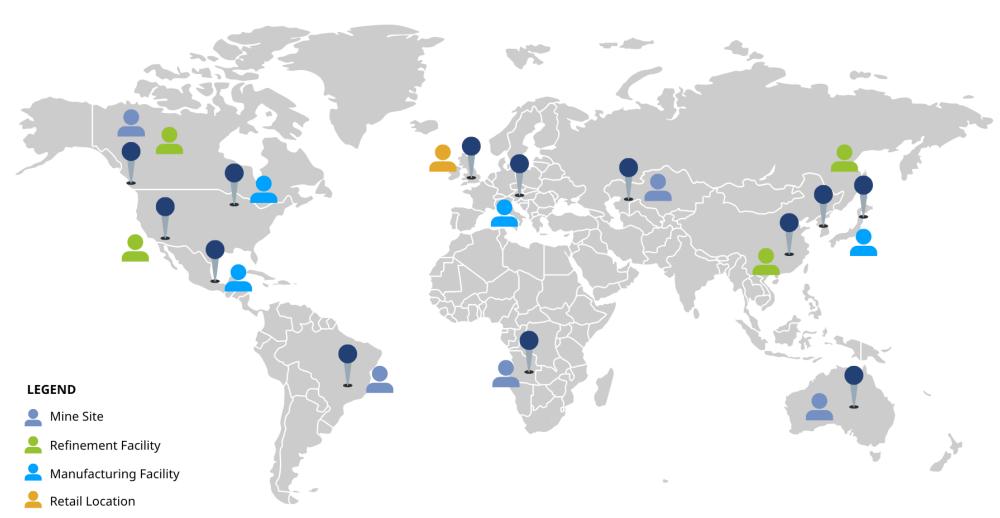
documentation, user training,

and technical setup

documentation and refine user

interface

Critical Mineral Traceability in Production





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Explore the EMDT Case Study



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ICS Transparency & Traceability

09/05/2023



Grouping 70 brands and retailers

ZADIG&VOLTAIRE

















4 621 Audits

Audits performed in 2022



1 719 569 employees

Audits performed in 2022

2 684 158 employees Including last audits performed in 2021-2022



70 countries

Audits performed in 2022































































































































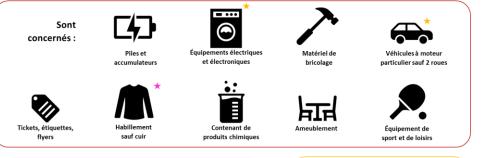


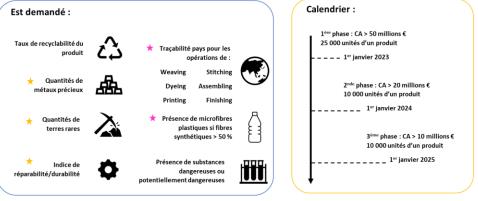


French's AGEC law

https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/loi-anti-gaspillage-economie-circulaire#scroll-nav__4







- AGEC law's article 13 implements requirements for environmental display and traceability.
- Recyclability, durability, microplastics content, hazardous substances, critical materials content and traceability for specific orperations are requested.
- All of this information is to be held available at customer's need during a minimum of 2 years.
- INSIDE The anti-waste law in the daily lives of the French people (ecologie.gouv.fr)



UNECE T&T Matrix

United for greater traceability, transparency and circularity in the garme

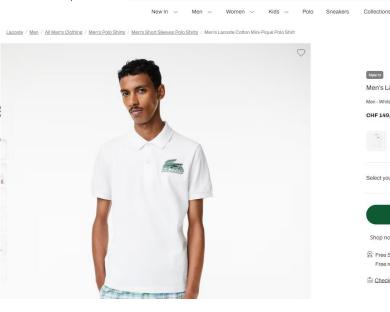
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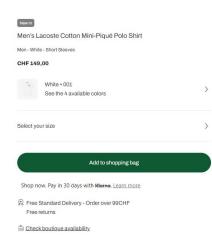
Supply chain and traceable asset

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Claim



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Value Chain Map

Transparency evidence Traceability evidence

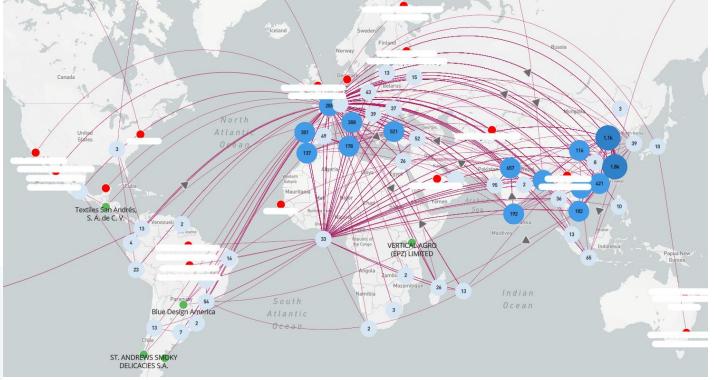
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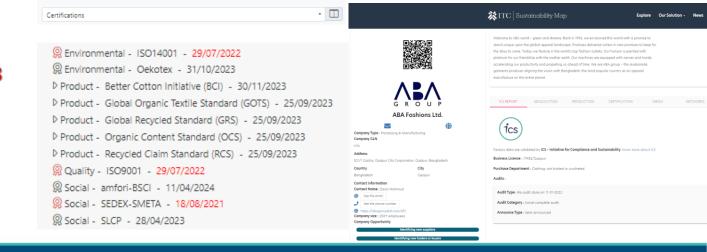
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• ICS-ITC Traceability Project Updates



- Tier 2 Material production factories involved in the project: 3 630
- Tier 3 Raw material processing factories involved in the project: 2 238
- Tier 4 Raw material extraction factories involved in the project: 538









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Working with Partners' data when visualizing UNECE sustainability matrix

UNECE Team of Specialists on ESG
Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

Grzegorz Tajchman, Chris Khou (ITC) 9th May 2023



Some context (ITC/ICS/UNECE collaboration)...









- Where (location)
- Why (business step)
- Origin
- Social Performance
- Environmental / production impacts

 How (traceability events and evidence, sustainability standards coverage)

- Fibers/materials used
- **Use of chemicals**
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Product Traceability Standard



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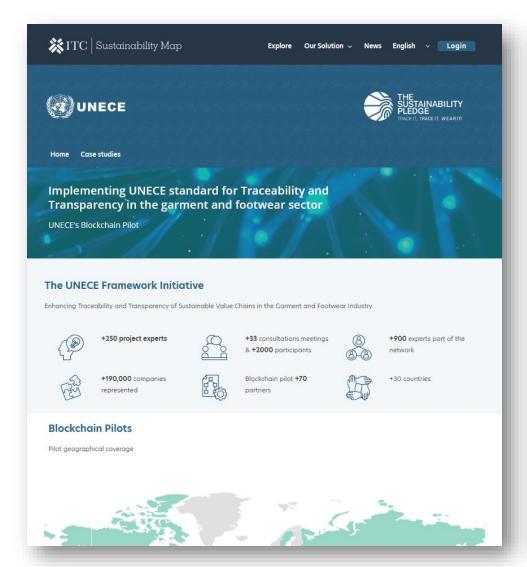


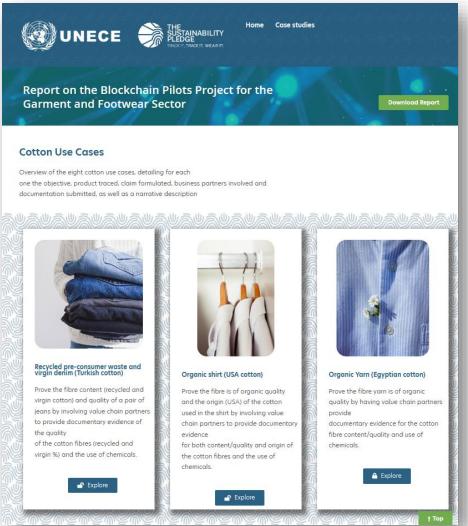


Landing page and case studies overview

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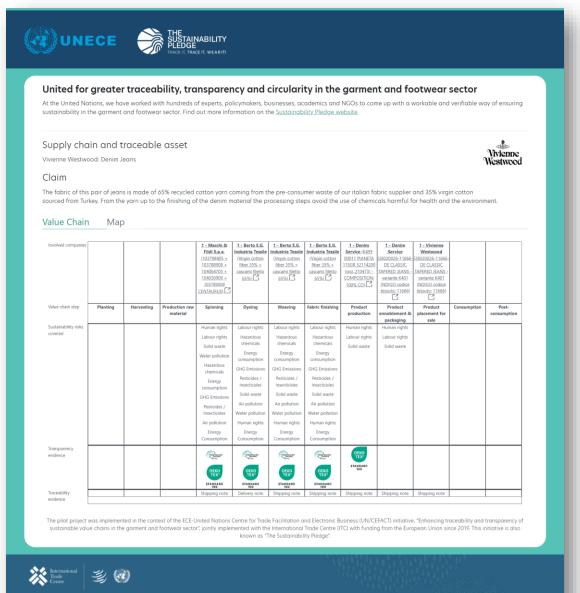


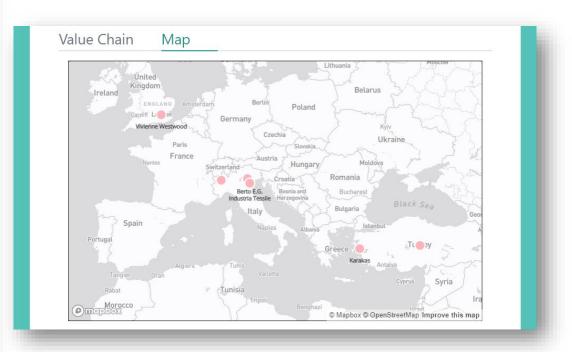




Case study example (UN ECE pilot)









Case study example (ICS)



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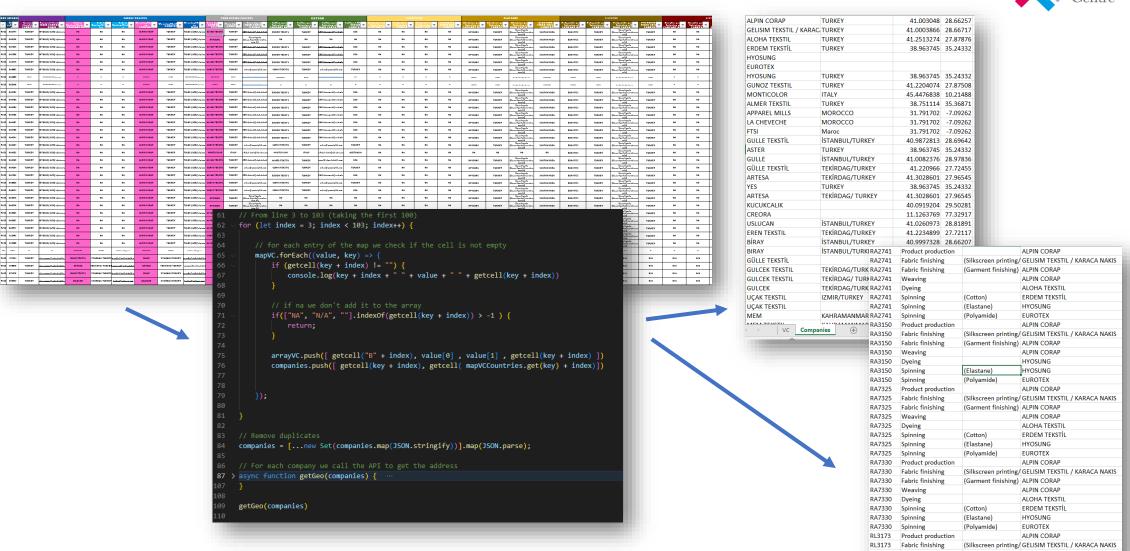


Q&A / Backup slides

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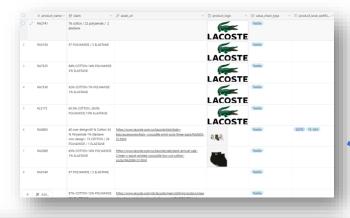


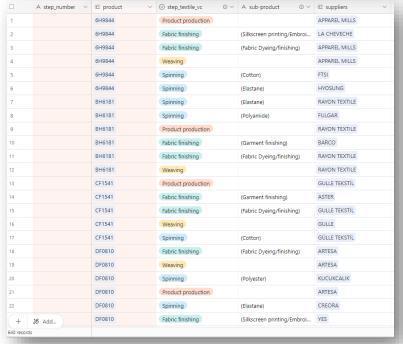
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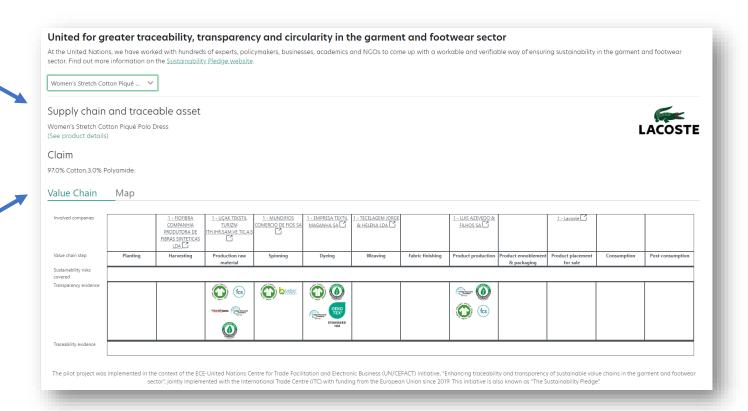


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10.00-11.00

ITEM 1: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON ESG TRACEABILITY?

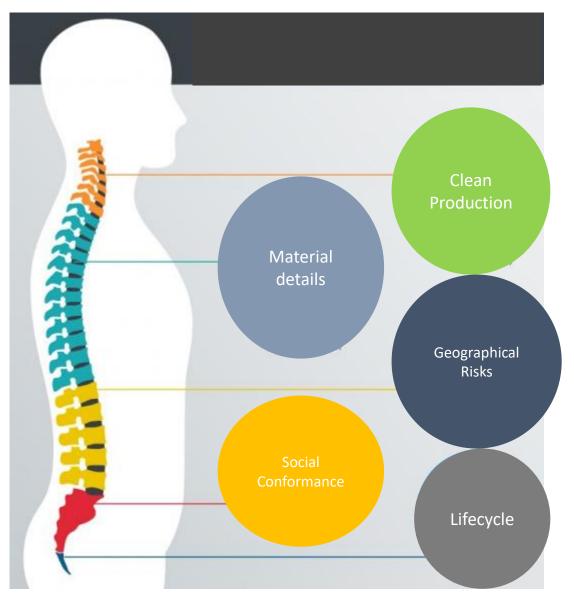
Moderator: Vice-Chair of the ToS, Harm Jan van Burg, Senior Policy Advisor on International Standards, OASIS

Panellists:

- British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Nancy Norris, Senior Director - ESG & Digital Trust
- Initiative for Compliance and Sustainability, Carole Hommey, General Manager
- International Trade Centre, Grzegorz Tajchman, IT Solutions Manager
- TÜV Rheinland Group, Rakesh Vazirani, Head of Sustainability Services

20 minutes of Q&A

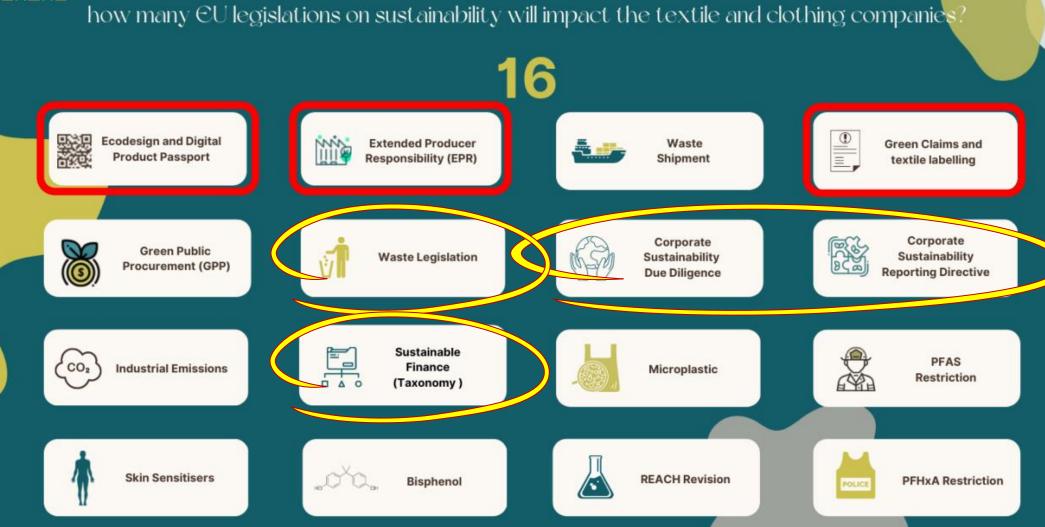
Spine of a Sustainable Supply Chain > Traceability







Do you know...





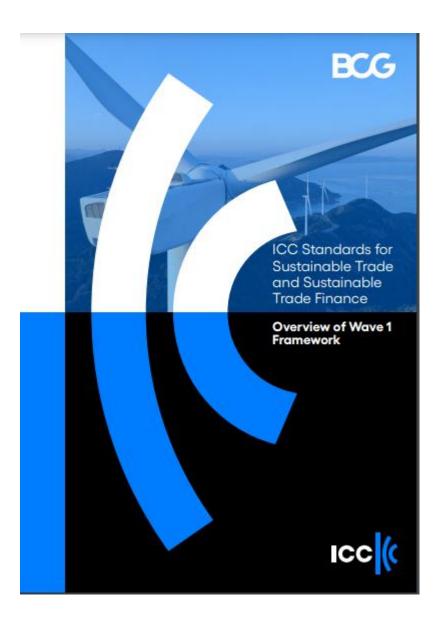


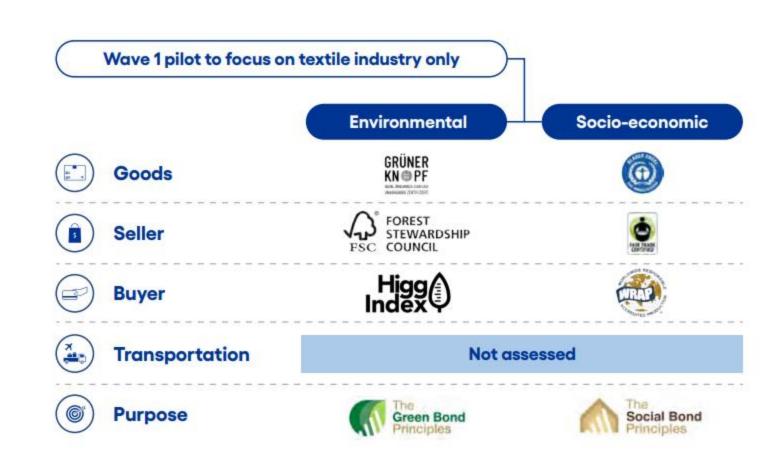


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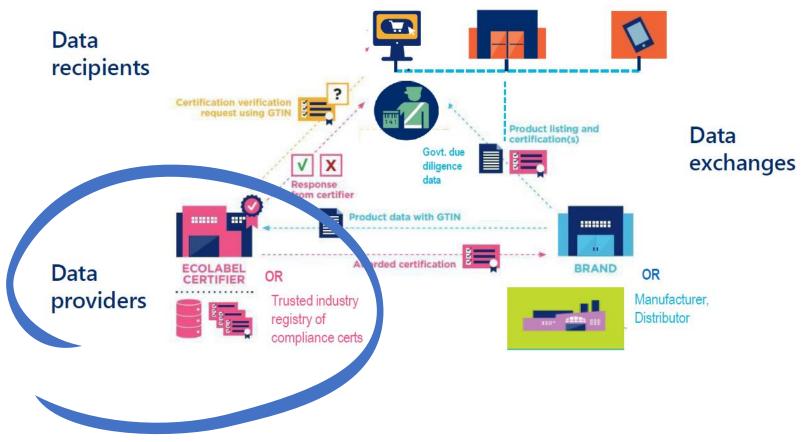
Sustainable Trade & Sustainable Trade Finance





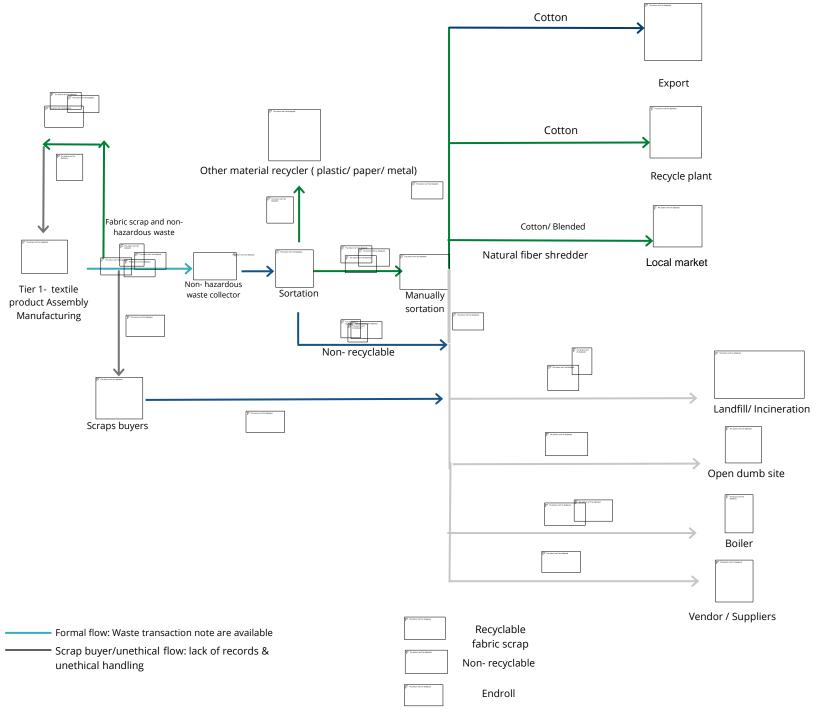




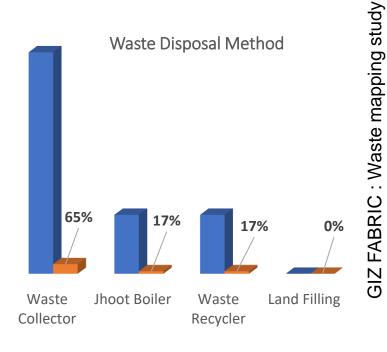


Accelerate the adoption of trusted based supply chain traceability in the apparel and food industries (field to consumer)



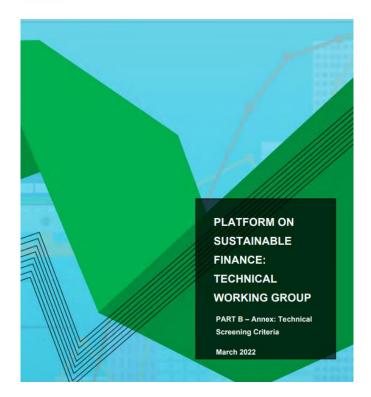


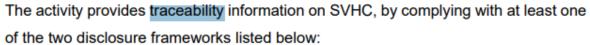
PRODUCT TYPE	CUTTING WASTE (As Per % of Fabric used)				
Knit	15-20%				
Woven & Denim	20-25%				
Fashion(Jacket)	12-15%				
Average	15-20%				











- Product information on substances is available publicly, in SCIP database or in a specific public tool provided by company
- Product information on substances is available publicly, following IEC62474
 (for EEE) and future IEC82474 for all other sectors (dual logo project)

section A.2 above. Third-party verification of the recycled content and its traceability is provided for the relevant feedstocks and production lines according to ISO 14021. For



E5 Resource use and circular economy: Overview (II/II)

6 Disclosure Requirements related to performance measurement

- DR E5-4 Resource inflows
- DR E5-5 Resource outflows
- DR E5-6 Waste
- DR E5-7 Resource use optimisation
- DR E5-8 Circularity support
- DR E5-9 Financial effects from resource use and circulareconomy-related impacts, risks and opportunities
- Taxonomy Regulation

SFDR

Link to SFDR principal indicator on Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio and additional indicator on Non-recycled waste ratio.

Information on the five sub-themes:

- quantitative (absolute value et percentage) et qualitative.
- Resource Inflows: information on the materials used (renewable, reused, recycled).
- Resource Outflows: information on the weight and percentage of products, materials and packaging intentionally created to contribute to the circular economy, i.e. sustainability, reusability, reparability, disassembly, recycling, etc.
- Waste: details of hazardous/non-hazardous waste and waste destination.
- Resource use optimisation: share of turnover for products and services that optimise the use of resources and promote circular business models.
- Circularity support: coordinated actions and partnerships in the value chain.



Now part of IFRS Foundation

4.1.1 Enhancing supply chain visibility and traceability to raw materials suppliers through due diligence practices, research into traceability or use of traceability systems, technology, supplier screening, supplier audits or certifications, and/or a list of countries from which the entity sources each priority raw material;



10.00-11.00

ITEM 1: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON ESG TRACEABILITY?

Poll question: What aspects need greater focus concerning Traceability?

- 1. Harmonized Product and Activity identification scheme by industry sector
- 2. Funding for establishing digital infrastructure to capture traceability information
- 3. Incentive for companies for greater traceability metrics (from investors, governments)
- 4. Ensure groups/associations within industry sectors are inclusive and open for participation; with access to sustainability related data.
- 5. Stop obsessing with Traceability!

Take the poll at: http://etc.ch/fmFd

Q&A: 20 minutes

11.00-11.30

BREAK (5)



11.30-12.30

ITEM 2: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART I

Data for ESG monitoring and reporting protocol - Guiding questions:

- What data do we need to collect to ensure effective ESG monitoring and reporting of value chains?
- What types of sustainability and geopolitical risks?
- How do we determine which data points are relevant for each aspect of ESG (environmental, social, and governance) to address these risks?
- How can we ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data we collect?

TIMETABLE: 30' small group discussion 30' audience-wide discussion

13.00-14.30

LUNCHBREAK TOT



14.00-16.00

ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART II

Guiding question: What are the cross-sectorial, and the sector-specific challenges, regarding data monitoring and reporting in the following sectors:

I. Keynote presentations

- GS1, Francesca Poggiali, Chief Public Policy Officer Europe
- Institute of Quality Certification for the Leather Sector (ICEC), Sabrina Frontini, Director

II. Sector-focused discussion

Critical raw materials value chains

Lead discussant: World Economic Forum, **Luciana Gutmann**, Project Fellow, Securing Critical Minerals for the Energy Transition

Textile and leather value chains

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ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

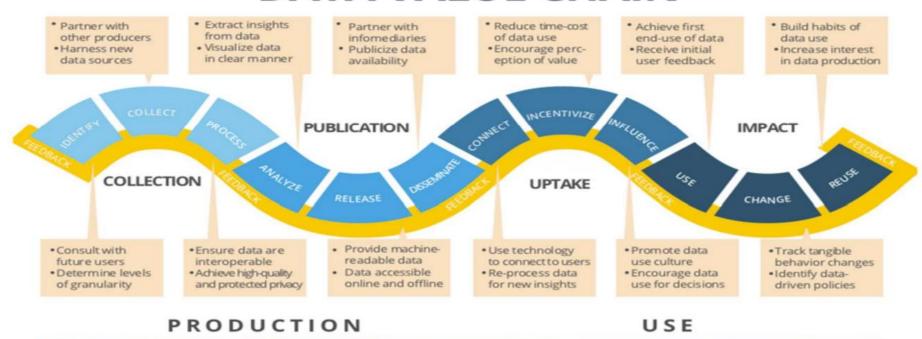
ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP

Francesca Poggiali Chief Public Policy Officer Europe – GS1 Global Office 9th May 2023



Interoperable product data

DATA VALUE CHAIN



increasing value of data



Roadblocks for production include lack of financial, human, and technological resources; low data literacy, lack of trust between users and data collectors; blindspots in data gaps; lack of country ownership; and lack of government desire for transparency.



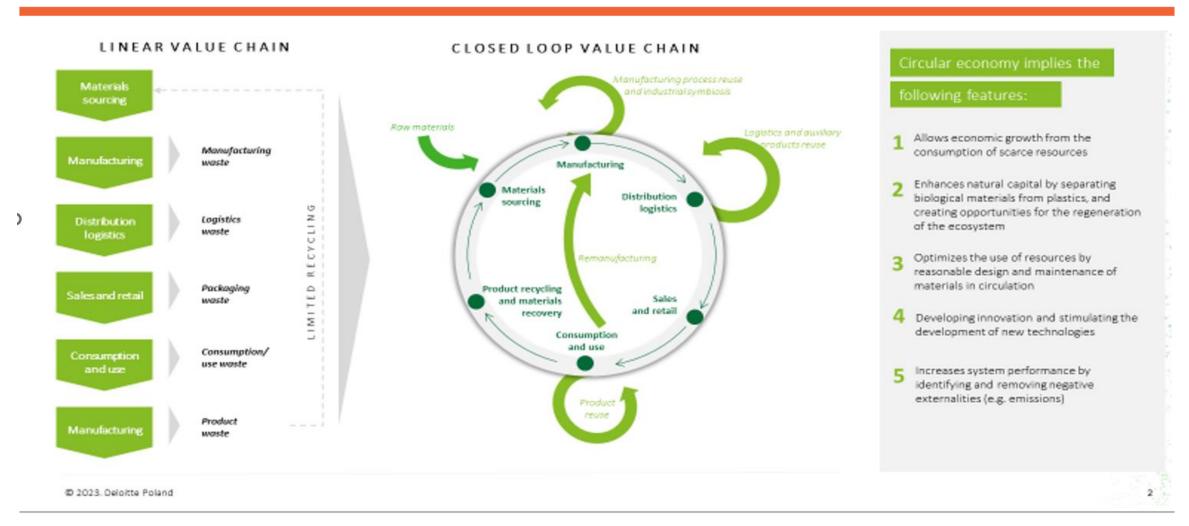
Roadblocks for use include low political support; lack of data relevance to decisions; poor quality; lack of trust in government data use; no rewards or results of Source: Open data watch data use; financial constraints; corruption; data silos; and lack of partnerships between infomediaries.



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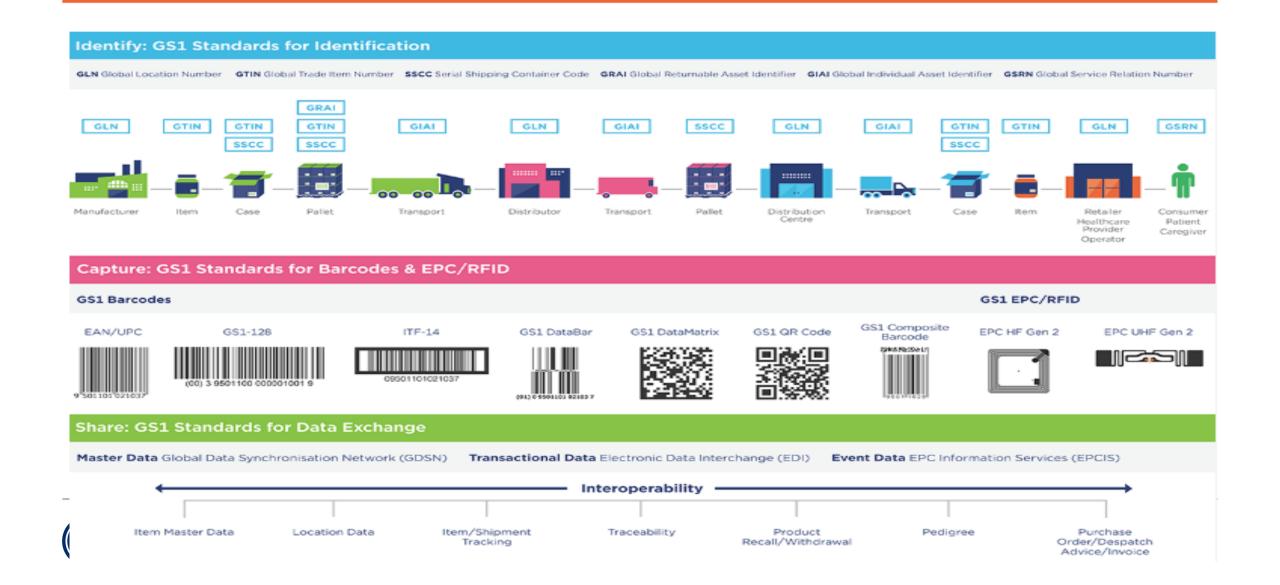
Potential achievements within each process of the value chain mark progress towards data impacts.

From linear to circular data





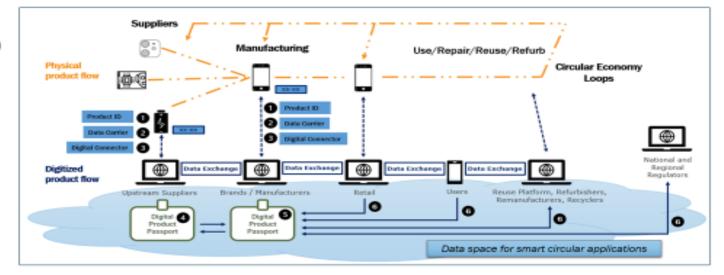
GS1 global, open data standards



Digital Product Passport: CIRPASS

Components of the DPP system

- A unique persistent ID for the product (including batch and/or serialization as necessary) (1)
- A persistent data carrier (RFID, QR Code, digital watermark, Bluetooth tag, etc.) (2)
- A Digital connector between physical product and the digital place of information on the product (e.g., URI address) (3)
- An IT architecture for facilitating the data exchange (6) composed of:
 - Standardized vocabulary
 - Standardized data exchange protocols and formats
 - Standardized stakeholder-dependent access mechanisms (read/edit rights)
 - Distributed management of stored information (in connection with EU dataspaces)
 - A stakeholder-dependent interaction layer



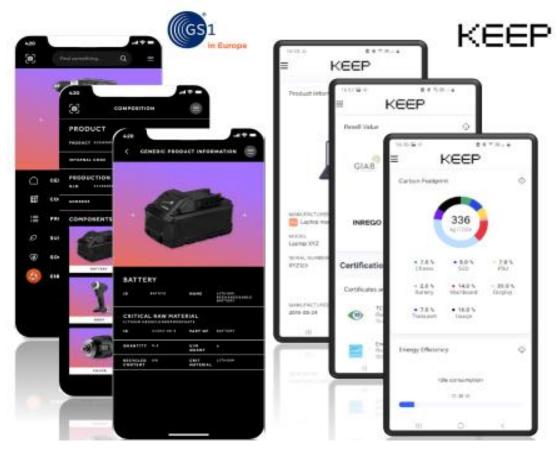




DPP pilots

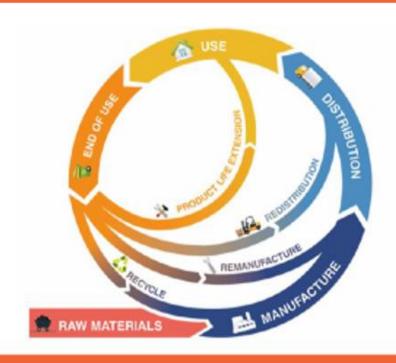
The DPP: how it could look like (& work) based on GS1 standards







New standarisation table opened



The circular economy model includes new thinking related to the management of product data and resources, which increasingly need to be retained through re-designing, remanufacturing, re-use and recycling.

Scope

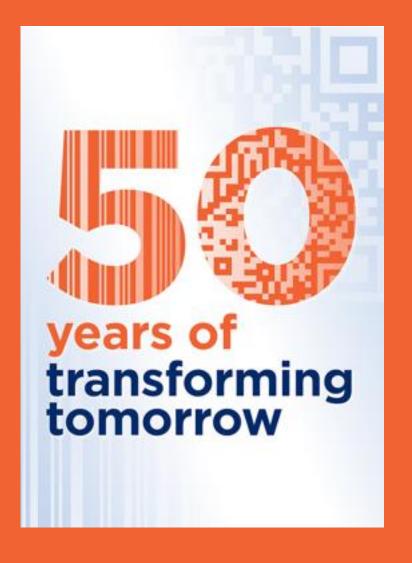
To set the foundation for the GS1 system to support industry's identification and data sharing needs related to Circularity. Early-stage work of the group will focus on adapting the GS1 system so that industry can more effectively use it to address the known regulatory drivers of the EU Digital Product Passport.

Join the GS1 Circularity – DPP group

https://www.gs1.org/standards/development-work-groups



Thanks to all!





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ESG Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy

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ICEC

Relevant updates in the space of ESG traceability of leather

ICEC - Quality Certification Institute for the Leather Sector www.icec.it icec@icec.it





LEATHER MARKET NEEDS

CONSCIOUSNESS

OF SUPPLIERS, OF THEIR SUPPLY CHAIN, OF PURCHASED MATERIALS

CERTIFICATION ON **SUSTAINABILITY** ISSUES: ENVIRONMENTAL, ETHICAL-SOCIAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY, CHEMICALS, PRODUCT, ...

ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS IS ALWAYS

TRACEABILITY OF RAW MATERIALS (LEATHERS)



GUARANTEES FROM THE TANNERIES

ALTHOUGH LEATHER IS A BY PRODUCT OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY

(bovine animals, sheep and goats, pigs: > 99%),

THE SUPPLY CHAIN ANSWERS TO THE REQUESTS of TRACEABILITY



TANNERIES GIVES GUARANTEES THROUGH

TRACEABILITY CERTIFICATIONS (E.g. ICEC TS410/412)



INFORMATION ON THE **COUNTRIES AND PLACES** OF **SLAUGHTERING AND BREEDING** OF THE ANIMALS FROM WHICH THE HIDES/SKINS USED
BY THE TANNERIES ORIGINATE, ARE MAPPED AND VERIFIED BY DIFFERENT
BODIES OF CERTIFICATION



TRACEABILITY DEVELOPMENTS

STARTING FROM THE DATA COLLECTED WITH TRACEABILITY CERTIFICATIONS, IT SHALL APPLY THE FOLLOWING:

- THE **ETHICAL CLAIM** «WE RECOVER OUR HIDES/SKINS FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRY» (e.g. ICEC TS733)
- THE **RISK ANALYSIS ON DEFORESTATION** FOR LEATHERS OF SOUTH AMERICAN ORIGINS **DCFL TOOL** (e.g. ICEC-NWF-WWF)
- > THE RISK ANALYSIS ON **ANIMAL WELFARE** (e.g. AW TOOL by ICEC)



What is more pressing?

The **EU** is a major consumer of commodities associated with deforestation and forest degradation.

Objectives of the EU Regulation:

- Minimise the EU's contribution to deforestation and forest degradation worldwide
- Mandatory due diligence rules for <u>all</u> operators that place the relevant products on the EU market or export them from the EU (2021)
 - Only products that are both deforestation-free and legal would be allowed to be imported into or exported from the EU market (including LEATHERS)
 - **December 2024 (tentative)**: Entry into the application of obligations for operators (June 2025 for small enterprises)



COTANCE - CEN TC 289

- offers certification scheme owners a platform to meet and negotiate on a precompetitive basis for defining the minimum essential elements of traceability and evidence of verification to be present in a traceability scheme
- chairs the European standardisation body CEN TC 289 where an agreement of traceability certification scheme owners can be officially consecrated in a GUIDELINE standard, allowing it to be referenced in legislation
- in 2019 started a dialogue between Leather-Meat that agreed on traceability objectives
- 2022: gathered **all the relevant certification scheme owners** in the "Leather Traceability Cluster", which agreed in January 2023 to terms of reference (MONTHLY MEETINGS)















Finding agreed solutions to

- Mapping the full Chain of Custody for a product
- Aligning on vocabulary & terms
- Identifying geografical provenance of a product
- Qualifying Countries according to Risk
- Ensuring documental and/or physical identity along the supply chain, etc...

GROUP NOW INVOLVING OTHER CLUSTERS:













& LAST BUT NOT LEAST: ITC

ICEC AND COTANCE ARE COLLABORATING WITH ITC FOR THE **LEATHER STANDARD ASSESSMENT:**

LISTING & FILLING

THE MAP OF CERTIFICATION SCHEMES (**NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL, PRIVATE STANDARDS**) WHICH ARE MAINLY **RECOGNIZED AND APPLIED BY THE LEATHER SECTOR** ACCORDING TO SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES.

THIS SHALL WORK AS AN OFFICIAL REFERENCE TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE CLAIMS WITHOUT PRODUCING GREENWASHING

(REF. Traceability and Transparency for Sustainable and Circular Garment and Footwear Value Chains).

Thank you. For any information: SABRINA FRONTINI s.frontini@icec.it



14.30-16.00

ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART II

TIMETABLE: SECTOR-FOCUSED DISCUSSION (35 minutes each)

35 minutes: 5' ice-breaking -> 25' group discussion -> 5' wrap-up and closing

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- Lead discussant: World Economic Forum, Luciana Gutmann, Project Fellow, Securing Critical Minerals for the Energy Transition
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Empowering Sustainable Resource Management: Updates, Transformations, and Potentials

Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition

Luciana Gutmann Project Fellow,

Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition

UNECE – UN/CEFAT 40th Forum Geneva, 09 May 2023



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The Forum



Sustainable Resource Managem

Our role

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The World Economic Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.

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Our approach

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At the Forum, we believe in convening multiple stakeholders and playing our role to amplify and scale up the world's best strategies for impact through a platform approach.





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Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition



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Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition

Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition - SMET

We have two objectives

Identify and characterize the risks derived from the increasing supplydemand gap in minerals for the energy transition and propose strategies for their collective management.

Design and assemble a global multistakeholder platform for monitoring, informing, managing risks and coordinating action.

Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition

We've secured support for this year

03

Definition

Oct 22-Nov 22

- Consolidate information on the supply-demand gap of critical minerals
- Refine assumptions

Risk mapping

Dec 22 – Jan 23

 Map risks derived from the gap

Convergence

Feb-Apr 23

 Identify possible actions for shared risk management

Coalition building

Apr 23- Jun 23

Support the creation of collaborative structures

Definition

Nov 22-Apr 23

- Validate opportunity
- Identify potential partnerships
- Early model formulation of a global collaboration platform

Mobilization

Apr 23-Jan 24

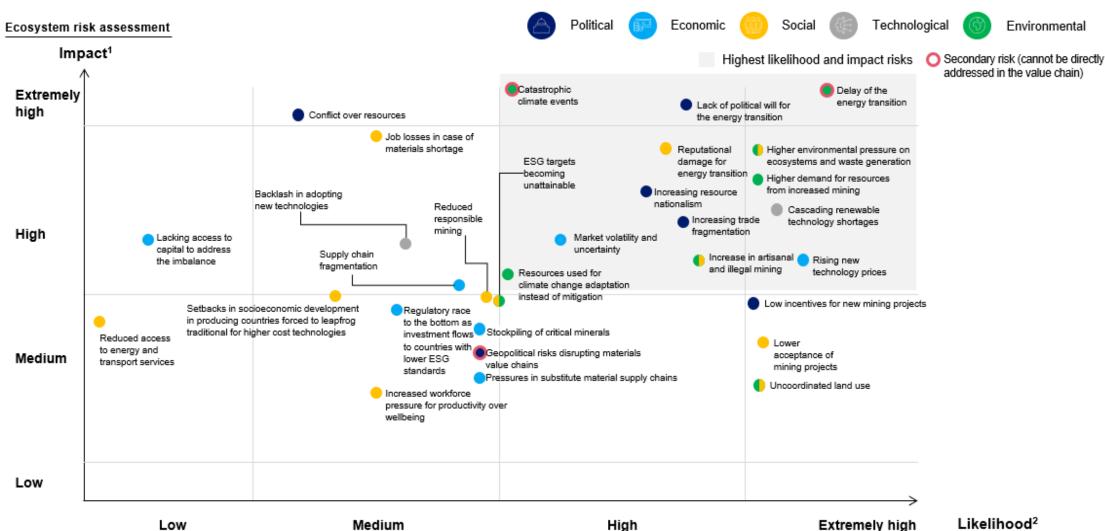
Develop a viable structure for a global collaboration platform

Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition

Supply-demand imbalance risk matrix



Environmental



^{1:} Impact on the ecosystem: 'Low' represents minor impact and 'Extremely high' represents catastrophic impact on human lives, societies, and the planet

Source: Risk identification based on insights from Risk characterization workshop 'Securing Minerals for the Energy Transition' and McKinsey analysis; Assessment structure from WEF Global Risks Report 2017. The risks identified in the workshop are renamed and placed in the matrix based on the assessment.

^{2:} Likelihood to happen: 'Low' represents a risk that is not likely to happen' and 'Extremely high' a risk that is very likely to occur



03

What's next?



A Global Collaboration Approach | Collaboration | Collaborat

There are many 'go to places', what if we try to have **just one**?

- Call to action: engaging the Public and Private sectors and Civil Society
- Joint efforts: different actors provide different capabilities and expertise
- A sustained Global Collaboration
 Platform to secure the critical minerals for the Energy Transition





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14.00-16.00 - ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART II

SECTOR-FOCUSED DISCUSSION #1 (35 minutes)

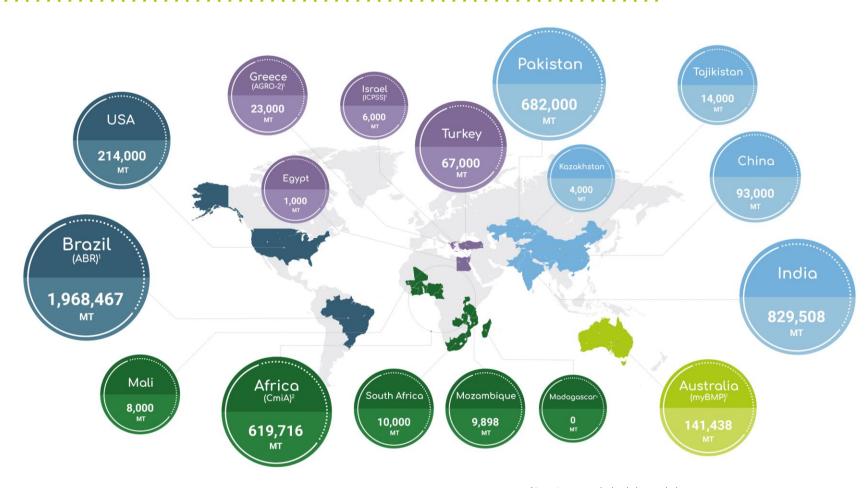
Critical raw materials value chains

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- 1. When it comes to supply data monitoring and sharing, do you believe that the private sector should be willing to share production and trade data, apart from the traditional data that is disclosed in sustainability reports? If not, why?
- 2. In what ways can public and private sectors collaborate to build a stronger and reliable data monitoring system? Do you see a gap for collaboration in this space? What might be immediate benefits, and perhaps on the flip side what might pose as a drawback?
- 3. Considering the most recent regulations which have surfaced in the supply of critical minerals that is intended to enable the energy transition, how should we plan to address the issue of geographical production and processing?
- 4. Going further, how should we incorporate and maybe even prioritise these regions in the dialogue while ensuring leverage in global supply chains?

Volume of Better Cotton Grown

2020-21 Cotton Season





¹ Better Cotton recognised equivalent standards.

² The CmiA countries in the 2020-21 cotton season included: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique (farmers in Mozambique who are both CmiA and Better Cotton licensed are only counted once), Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia.

³ Madagascar's only Producer Unit (group of farmers) did not earn a Better Cotton license in the 2020-21 season and therefore the figure for Better Cotton production is zero Please note that the production figure for Pakistan is an estimate - this is due to Covid-19-related verification challenges and some data quality issues. The figure has been estimated based on previous season production volumes and volumes sourced.

Changing stakeholder needs

The growing demand for supply chain visibility

Regulatory pressure

- US and EU trade and customs legislation requires raw materials origin information.
- EU due diligence legislation places responsibility for sustainable sourcing across the entire supply chain on importers.
- EU Green Claims requires companies to substantiate environmental claims.

Investor and consumer demand

- Consumers want to know where their products have come from and that they were ethically sourced.
- Investors want to de-risk their supply chains.
- Companies are being measured on performance against impact targets.

The need for inclusive supply chains

- Need to ensure producers and SMEs can continue to access markets.
- Digital and regulatory shift could exclude small holders and SMEs if not managed properly.

At present, the market is not set-up to fulfil these requirements



What do we mean by Traceability?

Increased demand for supply chain visibility: growing expectation for companies to identify, prevent, mitigate, and account for impacts across the value chain.

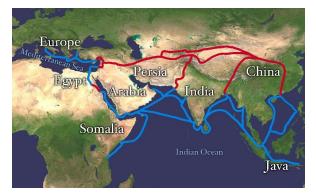
Pressure is coming from regulators, investors and consumers. To ensure Better Cotton farmers can continue to access markets, we will need to provide a level of traceability.

For cotton, this means knowing:

Origin information



Route to market*



*Country of origin

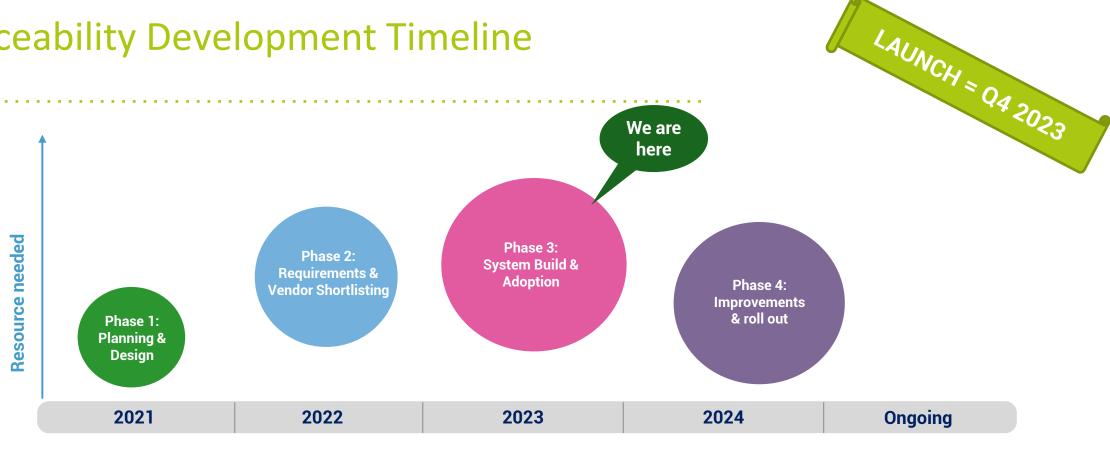
Impact**



**Long-term goal, not until 2030



Traceability Development Timeline



- Supplier feasibility assessment
- Preliminary requirements
- Programme planning
- Fundraising

- · Chain of Custody revision
- Data standardisation
- Detailed requirements gathering
- Solution procurement

- System build
- Training and capacity building
- Launch MVP
- Select scaled vendor

- Continued roll out
- Launch scaled solution
- System enhancements



14.30-16.00 - ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART II

SECTOR-FOCUSED DISCUSSION #2 (35 minutes)

Textile and leather value chains Lead discussant: Better Cotton, **Kendra Pasztor**, Senior Manager - Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

- 1. In your experience, what are the most promising (or proven) examples of functional ESG traceability in the textile and leather sector? Particularly any that are inclusive of small-scale raw material producers and SMEs downstream in the value chain? How can they be scaled up?
- 2. The regulatory landscape in Europe and elsewhere is evolving quickly with regards to circularity, regulation of green claims, and corporate due diligence for this sector. Do you believe there is coherence across policy tools? If not, how can this be improved? What are the risks if policies are not mutually reinforcing?
- 3. Incentives both financial and non-financial are a critical requirement to make ESG traceability business as usual. What kind of incentives do you recommend we try in the textiles and leather sector? What has worked or not worked?

14.00-16.00

ITEM 3: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART II

SECTOR-FOCUSED DISCUSSION #3 (35 minutes)

Agri-food value chains

Lead discussant: Charles Arden-Clarke, former Head One Planet Network secretariat of UNEP

- 1. What are the key environmental and social objectives to be attained (and/or negative impacts to be reduced) in this sector along the full life cycle from primary production to consumption?
- 2. In your view/experience how has traceability along the value chain served to reinforce efforts to attain the key environmental, social and governance objectives in this sector, and what are key traceability tools which have enabled this reinforcement?
- 3. What role is there for government research, investment and policy making and implementation to reinforce voluntary standards, labelling and certification so as to increase the market share of food which reinforces ESG in this sector?

16.30-16.45

BREAK "



16.45-17.30

ITEM 4: TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WORKSHOP - PART III

Moderator: Vice Chair of the ToS, Nathalie Bernasconi, Executive Director, IISD

Europe; Senior Director, Economic Law & Policy

Guiding questions - Future areas of work and fundraising:

 What are our strategic priorities for this next phase of work, particularly in relation to the development of the ESG monitoring and reporting protocol/guidelines?

In this connection:

- Considering the elements shared and discussed today, what are the building blocks of such document?
- Do you have the necessary support and resources, including type of expertise or stakeholders that we need to have involved in this work?

17.30

CLOSING

Next Session of the ToS: 11 October 2023, Geneva, Switzerland