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Materials Benchmark

Introduction to the Materials Benchmark

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About the Materials Benchmark

Developed by Textile Exchange, the Materials Benchmark is a common framework for companies in the textile, clothing, leather, and footwear (TCLF) to track and report their progress in materials sourcing. It enables participating companies to:

Track & measure

the weight and impact of your raw materials.

Report

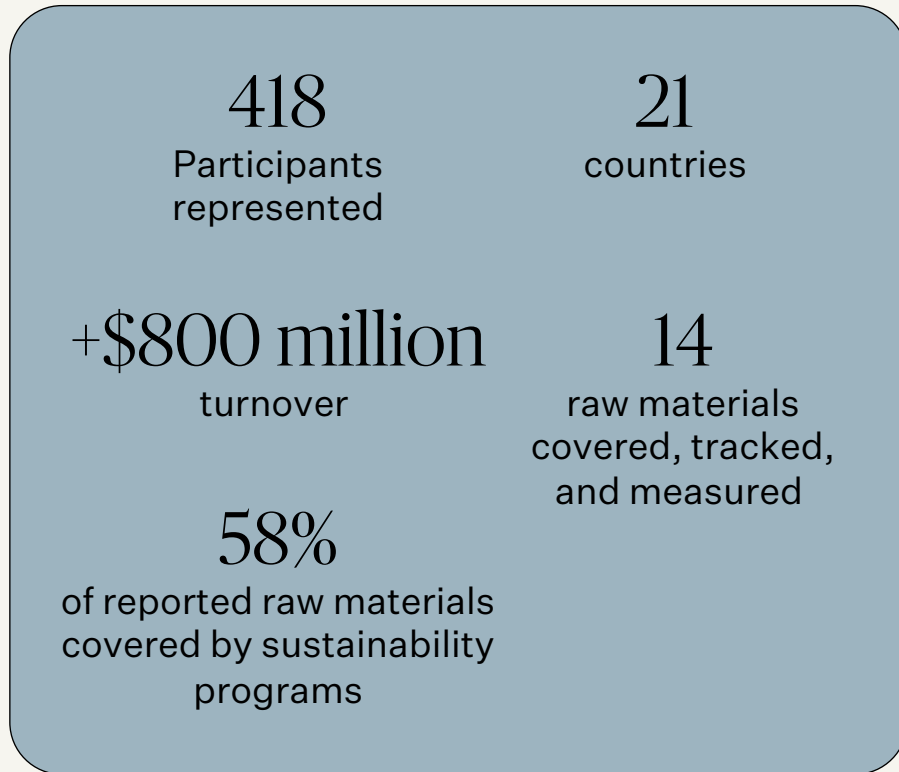
on the strategic approach for raw materials against an industry-recognized framework.

Support

the industry in reaching the Climate+ target of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas from raw material production by 2030.

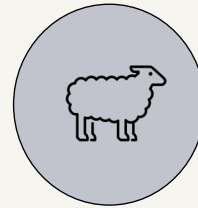
The benchmark program is expanding to support more consolidation in industry reporting and deepening its role in tracking progress towards goals for climate and nature.

Impact

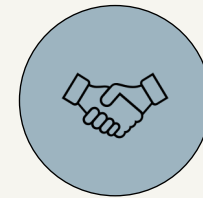


*Figures based on the 2024 brand/retailer Materials Benchmark survey.

Scope



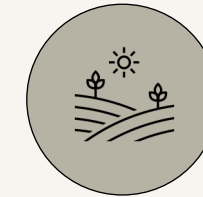
Primary focus on tier 4 of textile raw material



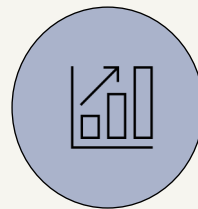
Industry alignment with key stakeholders



Holistically designed survey

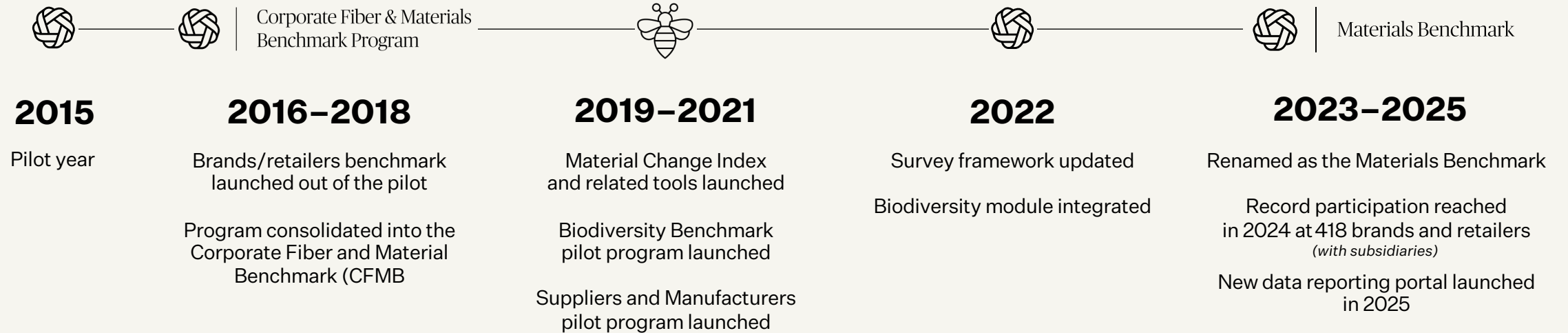


Climate and nature goals and targets



Individual and industry progress

Evolution of the Materials Benchmark



Reporting tool for


 Sustainable Cotton Challenge	 Recycled Polyester Challenge	 Deforestation-Free Call to Action for Leather
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Reporting partner



Alignment with

Reporting platform



Materials Benchmark Framework



Introduction

- Participant Profile
- Survey Preference



Materials Portfolio

- Company's Portfolio
 - Materials Portfolio*
 - Materials Trends*
 - Materials Targets*
 - Materials Risks Assessment*
 - Assumptions and Methodology
- *to be replicated for all the fibers and materials reported



Business Integration

- Strategy
- Commitments
- Governance
- Stakeholder engagement
- Investment
- Reporting



Circular Economy

- Strategy
- Business models
- Resource efficiency
- Design for circularity
- Textile collection



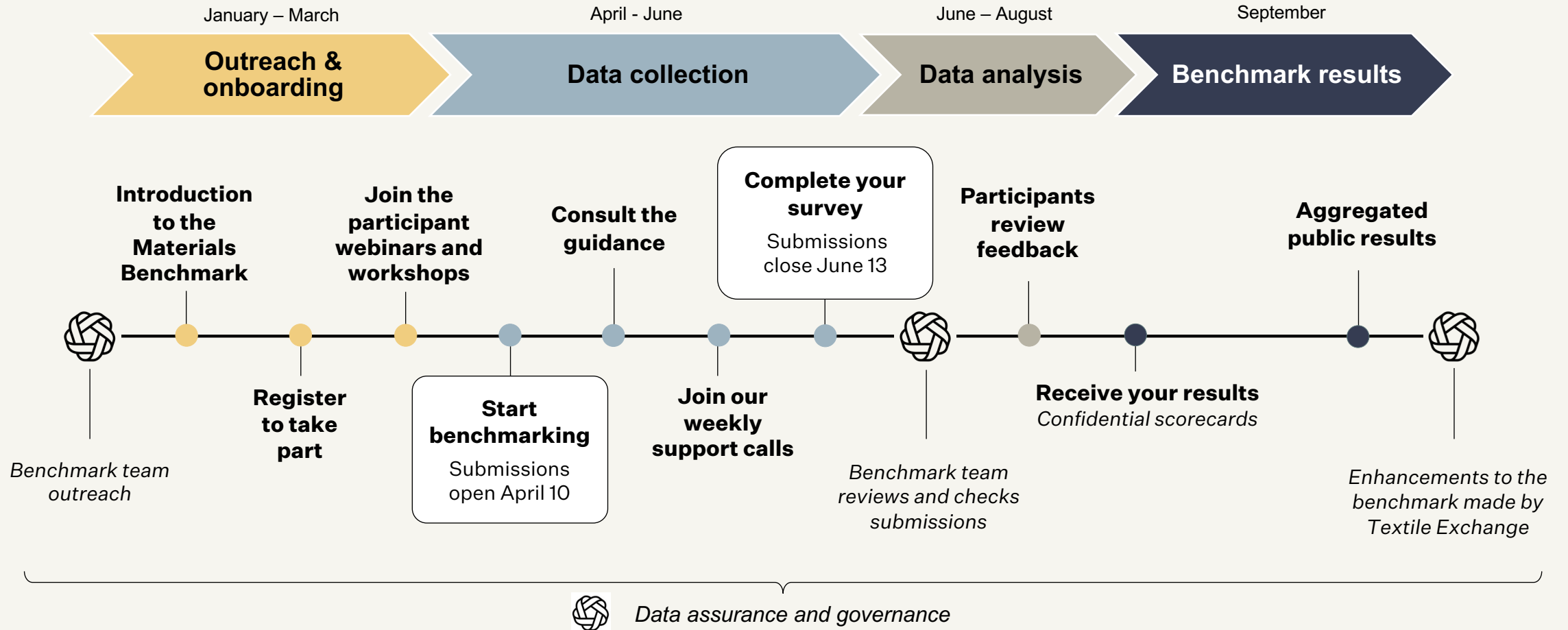
Impact Areas

- **Climate**
 - **Biodiversity**
 - **Freshwater**
 - **Oceans**
 - **Land Use**
 - **Soil Health**
- Impact assessment
 - Impact targets
 - Implementation
 - Transformative Measures

*Note: The minimum reporting requirement is the **Materials Portfolio**.*

Please note companies can only be benchmarked and receive results for those sections that they have completed.

2025 Timeline



Why take part?

- 1 Compare** your performance against the largest voluntary peer-to-peer benchmark in the fashion and textile industry.
- 2 Build** a fiber strategy and use the benchmark to guide improvements.
- 3 Demonstrate** a commitment to transparency and continuous improvement around your materials sourcing strategy.
- 4 Enable** efficient responses to other voluntary and mandatory reporting requirements set by key stakeholders such as investors, customers, policymakers, etc.
- 5 Engage** with others in the community, learn from best practice and collaborate to drive change.



Who can participate?

The Materials Benchmark is open to the apparel and textile industry:

✓ **Brands and retailers**

All brands and retailers that use fibers and raw materials are eligible to join, except retailers selling only third-party labels.

✓ **Suppliers and manufacturers**

Suppliers and manufacturers are recommended to take part if they source fibers and raw materials (garments, fabrics, yarns, fibers) and can report their weight.

The weights reported in scope are those from virgin and/or recycled raw materials.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible to participate, get in touch with Textile Exchange's Materials Benchmark team.

Companies that signed up for the **2025 Material Challenges** are required to annually report via the Materials Benchmark.



Recycled Polyester
Challenge

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Sustainable Cotton
Challenge

[Learn more](#)

Companies that signed up for the **Deforestation-Free Call to Action for Leather** are required to report via the Materials Benchmark. [Learn more](#)

What do companies receive?

Click on the titles below to access the 2024 results.

Confidential Benchmark results



Assess your progress

*(Members receive an
Advanced version)*

Material Change Index (MCI)



Discover the results

*(Currently only for
brands and retailers)*

Climate+ Dashboard



Gain insights into the
textile industry's impacts

Benchmark fact sheet



Explore aggregated data
and trends over years

*(Currently only for
brands and retailers)*

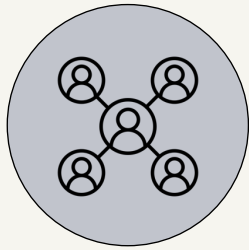
Challenges Dashboard



Uncover the Materials
Challenges signatories'
progress

Call to action

To get started on your benchmarking journey, we invite you to:



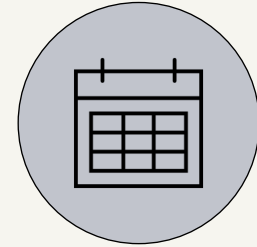
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Submit your survey by
June 13, 2025

For support, feel free to reach out to us at: benchmark@textileexchange.org



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Thank you