

Biosynthetics Round Table

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Textile Exchange's Biosynthetics Working Group kicked off in 2016, and the inaugural in-person meeting in Hamburg attracted much interest from attendees wanting to learn more about this emerging area. Biosynthetics form part of Textile Exchange's portfolio of preferred fiber and materials (PFMs) due to their production from either partial or 100% renewable feedstocks/raw materials.

The first task of the Biosynthetics Working Group has been to research and create a new microsite - aboutbiosynthetics.org. This has involved the gathering and synthesis of available information and resources on biosynthetics, with the goal of enabling this relatively new material to become a larger part of a company's preferred fiber & materials portfolio. A big thank you to biov8tion for leading this project and to Virent for their valuable support and input.

The Biosynthetics Round Table is a new, annual multi-stakeholder meeting, held as part of Textile Exchange's annual Textile Sustainability Conference alongside the popular Organic Cotton Round Table. The 2017 meeting will bring together interested stakeholders from across the industry to learn more about and discuss this relatively new material. Participants will also get a preview of the new aboutbiosynthetics.org microsite.

Preliminary Agenda

Timing	Activity
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome by Sophie Mather, biov8tion
10:10 - 10:15	Definition of biosynthetics
10:15 – 10:30	Preview to Textile Exchange's new microsite - aboutbiosynthetics.org
10:30 – 10:50	Why biosynthetics? Facilitated exercise
10:50 – 11:10	How are biosynthetics made? Feedstock's Processing Supply chain Q&A
11:10 - 11:30	What are biosynthetics used for? Fabrics Products Q&A
11:30 - 11:50	Moving Forwards Roadmap Next steps Q&A
11:50 - 12:00	Wrap up & preparation for report out to main room



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