Summary of the Round Table

The Animal Fibers and Materials Round Table Summit presented an overview of the Textile Exchange Climate + strategy and presented a new approach to organizing animal fiber Round Tables.
A proposed solution is to reorganise the roundtables into

- Animal Fibers covering wool, mohair, alpaca and cashmere and
- Leather (Responsible Leather Round Table)

The Animal Fibers Round Table brings together the different animal fiber round tables such as the Responsible Cashmere Round Table and the Responsible Animal Fiber Standards International Working Groups into one joint Round Table covering all animal fibers.

Builds on the work of the Responsible Animal Fiber Standards Framework and broadens beyond the scope of the standards to maximise their potential. For example, joint action around impact data is a high priority and whilst the standards play an important role in driving improvements and collecting data alignment on metrics and methodologies across the whole industry is needed.

There are also a number of issues that cut across several materials. For animal fibers and materials, animal welfare and climate beneficial grazing are highly relevant. Broadening this concept out to other land-based materials, biodiversity is another potential cross cutting working group.

**Next steps and further details:**

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Animal Fibers:

- Provide feedback on the draft Terms of Reference (available in January)
- Provide feedback on potential working groups and register an interest in topics and participation.

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