Summary of the Round Table Summit

The Global Organic Cotton Round Table Summit was held over two days and attracted over 300 attendees from 44 countries. The Global OCRT Summits were in addition to six regionally focussed meetings which saw an engaged community of over 550 come together across the end of November and first two weeks of December.

Following recognition of the significant and proven potential that organic agriculture has for helping the cotton sector to achieve the targets outlined in the Climate+ strategy, the Round Table explored practical ways of overcoming the barriers to the rapid scaling of organic cotton worldwide.

High-level panel discussions featured nine trailblazing voices from across the value chain (farmers, manufacturers, brands, capacity builders), and highlighted the steps they have taken to up-scale organic.

These panel discussions were followed by engaged breakout sessions where participants shared their experiences of their own journeys to regenerative organic cotton, and held practical discussions about the tools and approaches that are needed to effectively facilitate a rapid transition to organic cotton worldwide.
**Active and lively discussions in the digital chat** highlighted that the Round Table theme resonated well with the community and helped to identify areas where further information and guidance will assist with building effectiveness and leadership in this area.

Synthesis of the discussions, feedback from breakouts, and the multiple polls that were held will begin **early in the new year**. These will contribute to a report, published **in collaboration with Kering**, that will provide a **roadmap for shifting the needle on organic** and will be shared with the **OCRT community via the HUB**.

Next steps will identify specific actions for all parts of the value chain, to help drive **uptake and target-setting for organic and in-conversion/transitional fibers**. These will be as a direct result of the meaningful actions identified during the sessions.

We will develop **specific workstreams** to drive these actions, as well as aim to **bring the community together in other virtual meetings** during 2021 to follow up on the actions identified.

The OCRT also helped to **cement relationships with key organizations and stakeholders**, who will form an essential part of our **collaborative efforts to drive change** across the industry. As a direct result of this year’s Organic Cotton Round Table Summit, we have already had contact with several brands who are keen to join the inspiring journey.

Overall, this year’s OCRT Summit series was a great success, and truly fulfilled its mission as a **driver of collective action and an incubator of great ideas**.