Summary of the Round Table

Part one of the Round Table meeting focused on industry updates. Textile Exchange provided updates on the Responsible Animal Fiber Standards Framework and the development of the Responsible Alpaca Standard. Updates on the implementation of the Responsible Mohair Standard and the impressive progress made by the mohair industry was also provided. Moving on to wool, representatives from most RWS farm groups from all around the world shared updates on their implementation of RWS. Sharing their insights were: Pedro Otegui from Lanas Trinidad, Ricardo Fenton from Ovis21, Willy Gallia from the Schneider Group, Dav Maslen from the New Zealand Merino Company, Jeanne Carver from Shaniko Wool Company, Isak Staats from BKB and Bella Plunkett-Gillan from Fox and Lillie. A consistent message from all regions is that adoption of the RWS at the farm level is strong and there is capacity to scale to demand.

The next session focused on connecting supply and demand with updates on supply chain certification, updated Claims Policy and commitment claims followed by a panel discussion with Pip Keall from VF Corporation, Gonzalo Pertile from Madewell and Katie Quilici from Zalando sharing their experience of sourcing RWS certified wool.
The second part of the Round Table meeting focused in on the Textile Exchange Climate + strategy and how the Responsible Animal Fiber standards (and the animal fiber round table) can support the delivery of the strategy. In particular how the RWS, RMS and RAS can support efforts to identify, share, and measure the impacts of low GHG grazing practice and amplify positive impacts in soil health, water, + biodiversity.

Jeanne Carver from Shaniko Wool Company shared her experience of measuring climate impacts with carbon as the key performance indicator on Imperial Stock Ranch to set the scene before breakout discussions on the topics of:

- How can the standards be a stronger driver for acceleration?
- In order to achieve our goals, where should we focus?

Next steps:

The Animal Fibers Round Table and the Responsible Wool, Mohair and Alpaca International Working Groups will further develop these activities (the International Working Group will maintain a focus on the standards and the Animal Fibers Round Table for other topics and activities). To participate, contact responsiblewool@textileexchange.org