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Accelerating Sustainability in Textiles and Fashion

The 2018 Textile Sustainability Conference brought together a powerful community of brands, retailers and companies, large and small, from across the textile world—all seeking to create a more sustainable and responsible fiber and materials industry. This year’s conference took place at the Milano Congressi, one of Europe’s largest convention centers, in the heart of Milan, Italy.

#TextileExchange18 was our largest conference turnout to date with more than 800 attendees and 145 speakers from 43 countries!
In the closing plenary for the conference, Cara Smyth reminded us that there are always excuses for inaction. It's up to us to **DECIDE** to be a **PURPOSEFUL CHANGEMAKER** and be part of the **CONNECTED COMMUNITY** that takes action and drives solutions.

“A **real decision** is measured by the fact you’ve **TAKEN a NEW ACTION**. If there’s no action, **YOU HAVEN’T TRULY DECIDED**.”

Tony Robbins

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**Get Started today - TAKE ACTION!**

- Measure and set targets using our Preferred Fiber and Materials Benchmark
- Join a Round Table. Email: Materials@TextileExchange.org
- Develop an organic/transitional cotton program
- Accept a fiber challenge to support the growth of preferred fibers
- Adopt a standard!
- Examine your data and determine priorities and concrete goals
- Drive transparency and traceability to identify operating efficiencies
- Select priority issues that align with brand values: water, circular, social
- Move out of pilots into scaling: test, adapt, iterate, refine… like sampling
- **BECOME A MEMBER:** Join our connected community. Email Membership@TextileExchange.org to join today!
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Textile Exchange 18: can textiles go circular?

MILAN - The second day of the Textile Exchange Conference began with a two-part session on the ways in which the textile sector can transition away from the linear practices hitherto utilised as the norm within the industry.

Representatives from the European Commission (EC), Ellen MacArthur Foundation and World Resources Institute (WRI) took to the stage, making the case for implementing circular business models in order to move away from the looming environmental crisis facilitated by fashion's current practices.

Textile Exchange and German Partnership for Sustainable Textiles collaborate

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MILAN - Textile Exchange and the German Partnership for Sustainable Textiles are to announce a new collaboration aimed at fostering “binder transformation of the industry.”

Organic cotton output grows up per cent

Online-first, silver treated clothing poses toxic threat, claims report.

Fashion, Textile Industries Map Out Sustainable Agenda

At the 2018 Textile Sustainability Conference in Milan, circular economies, shared standards and consumer engagement strategies emerged as key in shaping the conversation on sustainability.
Organic Cotton Round Table

The 2018 Organic Cotton Round Table (OCRT) saw the launch of a co-created new approach, the General Assembly for Organic Cotton.

Since the first OCRT in 2012 in Hong Kong, our Global OCRT gatherings have really lived up to their aspiration of being a Platform for Collective Action and an Incubator for Great Ideas. But the new General Assembly approach took us to the next level.

This structure, inspired by the United Nations approach, provided a model for uniting global and regional OCRTs and encouraging a two-way flow of information between the regional communities - linking pathways for region-based growth with a strengthened interaction between regions, supply networks and global thinking. Delegations from each region came together alongside brands, retailers and other stakeholders, to report out ‘globally’ on their regional updates, activities and successes.

rPET Round Table Summary

What we learned
ICIS presented stats
• 70 million tons global PET capacity
• 66% goes to fiber – 57 million tons
• By 2030 20% will be rPET
• China has 69% of PET capacity
• China ban – increased virgin and move to other Asian countries.

Gr3n presented rPET in bottles
• 12.5% of global PET is recycled
• Textiles create 33 MT of textile waste and recycles < 0.1MT
• Packaging creates 23 MT of packaging waste and recycles 9 MT.
• Packaging companies are making large commitments, there’s not enough material to meet commitments.
• Packaging companies have partnered with new chemical recycling technologies.

The European Outdoor Group showcased microplastic/microfiber workstream. The report out on project results will be launched at ISPO.

Where we need to go…2030
Legislation
• Clear bottles
• Collection
• rPET mandatory % product content
• Preferential tariffs

Consumer Awareness
• Campaigns to support multi-sector use
• Storytelling
• Youth education

Quality
• Standardize chip quality
• GRS use as baseline

Brands & Retailers
• Economics
• Support new technologies
• Match performance to products
• Cross industry collaborations

Join the rPET Group to get the details & participate
Learn More: https://textileexchange.org/materials/pfm-round-tables/rpet/
Email: Materials@TextileExchange.org
Manmade Cellulosics (MMC) Working Group

Textile Exchange has selected preferred manmade cellulosic fibers (pMMC) as lead fiber types, our reports show tremendous growth of preferred MMC and our e-learning series has attracted several hundred industry experts with topics including feedstocks, fiber manufacturing, transparency, certification and industry engagement.

At our third global roundtable on MMC we will bring together all stakeholder groups to hear the latest news, to learn and to incubate new ideas for collaboration as we see a huge potential for sustainable - or preferred - MMC to gain a higher market share. At the MMC RT presentations from experts, interactive sessions and a Q&A covered issues including:

• What are the key market trends?
• What are the market opportunities and innovations?
• What are the challenges to market growth?
• What are end of life options?

- Birgit Altmann  Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Europe
- Claire Bergkamp   Worldwide Director of Sustainability and Innovation, Stella McCartney
- Melissa Filion  Senior Campaigner & Quebec Director, Canopy
- Nicole Lambert  Data Analyst, Textile Exchange
- Zheng Luo  Global Environmental Manager, Lenzing
- Siva Pariti  Senior Technical Marketing Officer, Sustainable Textile Solutions
- Janne Poranen  CEO, Spinnova
- Christina Raab  Global Implementation Director, ZDHC Foundation
- Felix Romero  Value Chain Development Manager, FSC
- Simone Seisl  Special Projects, Textile Exchange
- Eva van der Brugge  Innovative Manager, Fashion For Good

Learn More: https://textileexchange.org/materials/pfm-round-tables/pmmc/
Down Stakeholder Round Table

More than 50 stakeholders with different expertise and backgrounds including suppliers, brands, standards, quality control organizations, and NGOs participated in the multi-stakeholder Down Round Table. The Down Round Table started with an overview of industry facts and figures presented by Textile Exchange. This overview included results from the Preferred Fiber and Materials Market Report, the Preferred Fiber and Materials Benchmark, and the Down Stakeholder Survey. The figures show an increasing interest in preferred down. Standards such as the Responsible Down Standard, Downpass and the Global Traceable Down Standard are gaining importance. More information is available in the reports at https://textileexchange.org/publications/.

Industry and Standards updates were shared followed by insights from IDFL and Control Union. Allied Feather and Down, as well as, Sustainable Down Source shared the supplier perspective, while the consumer trends perspective was presented by Patagonia and The North Face as well as the NGO Four Paws. The insights showed an increasing interest in preferred down but also some areas where further action is required.

One key insight was that not everything can be solved by standards; it is important to also look at drivers beyond certification. Another discussion point was how to share the costs along the supply chain. A specific action area identified was the role of parent farms.

These input sessions were followed by two working sessions. The first working session discussed the question “Why still down?” and “What should the role of the Down Round Table 2.0 be?”

Moderated by Pamela Ravasio, Independent Consultant and Sophia Opperskalski, Textile Exchange.

For further details visit: https://textileexchange.org/materials/pfm-round-tables/down/
The Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) Stakeholder meeting provided attendees with a detailed update on the adoption of the RWS across each stage of the supply chain.

Sharing their experiences of working with the standard were representatives of the first and final stages of the value chain for the three recent RWS product launches:

- H&M Group/ARKET and Lanas Trinidad
- Eileen Fisher and Fox & Lillie and Ovis 21
- Marks & Spencer and Wools of New Zealand

The meeting also started the process of preparing for the upcoming revision of the RWS by seeking feedback from attendees on the standard.

Updates were also given on two projects that are underway to inform the broadening of the standard scope in relation to farming systems as well as species included. A report was given on the field studies undertaken in India exploring nomadic and semi-nomadic farming systems as well as a report on the findings of the first stage of mapping existing goat standards and initiatives against the RWS to inform the process of extending the scope to address mohair.
Biosynthetics Round Table

More than 80 stakeholders with different expertise and backgrounds including suppliers, brands and researchers participated in the multi-stakeholder Biosynthetics Round Table. The Biosynthetics Round Table began with a presentation of the results of the recent Biosynthetics Stakeholder Consultation, which was conducted by Textile Exchange in 2018 and included responses from more than 130 participants, revealing an increasing interest in biosynthetics.

Part two of the meeting focused on feedstocks for biosynthetics. Federica Zanetti, Assistant Professor from the University of Bologna, presented castor as feedstock for biosynthetics, while Ralph Lerner and Bob Rozmiarek from Virent shared insights into diverse sugars. Thinkstep gave an overview of impact assessment and the role of Life Cycle Assessments.

Next was a Q&A with experts on fiber and materials, sharing their experiences and insights. Participants had the opportunity to touch and feel the different fiber innovations, including products made from biobased (or part biobased) feedstocks including Sorona® (bioPTT) from Dupont, EVO® (bio PA) from Fulgar, biopolyester (based on bio PX produced by Virent), manmade spider silk from Bolt Thread and more.

Moderated by Brad Boren, Norrøna (Biosynthetics Working Group Chair) and Sophia Opperskalski, Textile Exchange.

Responsible Leather Round Table Meeting

The Responsible Leather Round Table is a platform for stakeholders in the leather industry to engage with each other, share information, and identify common challenges and opportunities. The Round Table creates a structure for interacting with other organizations and government bodies, as well as, a forum to agree on priority issues and take action to advance our mission and vision.

An anticipated outcome of the Responsible Leather Round Table is the development of a Responsible Leather Assessment tool (RLA) that recognizes and drives best practices in the leather industry, leading to positive social, environmental and animal welfare impacts. The RLA will establish a clear benchmark for best practices and provide companies with a means to link their sourcing to more responsible practices and make accurate claims about how they source. Moreover, the RLS will reward and influence the leather industry to incentivize practices that respect animals, people and the environment.

The Responsible Leather Assessment tool will offer both credit trading and full chain of custody options and will address:

- Animal welfare: farm to slaughter
- Deforestation at farm level
- Environmental impacts of tanneries
- Social issues are TBD

Learn More: http://responsibleleather.org
Basics of Sustainability Workshop

Back by popular demand, this half-day learning opportunity was made available on the day before the conference for those who are new to textile sustainability or simply wanted to freshen-up on their skills and understanding. The focus areas included:

• Developing a Preferred Fiber Strategy
• Re-thinking Supply Chains as Supply Networks
• Understanding Integrity & Standards
• Preferred Fiber and Materials Benchmark

Textile Exchange Members have access to learning resources. To find out how to access yours or to become a member, email us at Membership@TextileExchange.org.
Conference Kick-off Reception!

We welcomed conference attendees to our kick-off reception gala at the MiCo exhibit hall. Textile Exchange’s Managing Director, La Rhea Pepper, said a farewell to our Board Chair of six years, Elayne Masterson of Fabrikology (formerly Esquel) and welcomed our new Board Chair, Sarah Thorson of Target Corporation. Thank you to all that came and made this evening so special!

Elayne Masterson of Fabrikology, Sarah Thorson of Target, La Rhea Pepper of Textile Exchange and Jerry Wheeler of ecoCentric Brands.

Textile Exchange’s newly appointed Board Chair, Sarah Thorson of Target Corporation, alongside Textile Exchange Board Members.

Networking in full swing at the Milano Congressi (MiCo).
Welcome by Textile Exchange and Special Guest
- La Rhea Pepper  Managing Director, Textile Exchange
- Renato Galliano  Director Urban Economy & Employment, Comune Milano

A Conversation on Sustainability in Luxury
- Helen Crowley  Head of Sustainable Sourcing Innovation, Kering
- Karen Newman  Consultant, United Nations

The opening plenary of the conference highlighted how important sustainability is for luxury. It was noted that luxury is a trendsetter and it can be a model and catalyst for others. Luxury can champion ideals not just in the creative space but also in the sustainability space, according to Dr. Helen Crowley of Kering. She discussed how a part of luxury is dependent on nature and on natural products, or nature based products, which makes them particularly vulnerable to things like climate change and biodiversity loss (e.g., quality and rarity of raw materials). Dr. Crowley noted the new value proposition for luxury and what the sector needs to do around sustainability. One key takeaway from this session is the value of adopting an environmental profit and loss statement.
Textile Exchange: Shaping the Future
La Rhea Pepper  Managing Director, Textile Exchange

An Invitation
• Sally Uren  Chief Executive, Forum for the Future

Textile Exchange’s Managing Director, La Rhea Pepper, provided attendees with an overview on Textile Exchange’s mission and vision, as well as key projects, including the Central Database and Shared Measurement System, Threading the Needle report on the Sustainable Development Goals, continuing growth in our Standards program, and the Benchmarking program. She also highlighted Textile Exchange’s new report with KPMG on Threading the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Textile, Retail and Apparel industry that builds upon the promise of our conference last year and represents a call to action for everyone at the conference.

Following LaRhea we heard from Sally Uren, Chief Executive at Forum for the Future who invited the industry to make transformational change.
Threading the Needle: Weaving the SDGs into the Textile, Retail & Apparel Industry

The key findings of a recently published new report by KPMG and Textile Exchange, Threading the Needle, were the focus of this plenary. Threading the Needle offers SDG guidance to apparel, retail and textile suppliers, brands and retailers on business considerations and opportunities for shared value, an SDG engagement model, best practices and multi-stakeholder initiatives, and considerations for top sourcing countries. A few key takeaways this plenary discussion include:

• The SDGs represent a key business opportunity for sector companies and a framework to manage operational risks and prioritization.

• Prioritization is key to implementing the SDGs, and the mapping exercise and engagement framework offered in Threading the Needle are helpful.

• KPMG’s SDG Readiness Index provides an overview of countries to implement the SDGs. Many companies are at the beginning of their SDG journey but for Lenzing the starting point was a very thorough materiality assessment, to understand where a company can have the best leverage to change its impact, including producing fibers that have less environmental impact than conventional fibers. The SDGs are a very inspiring tool help companies to be oriented toward the goal rather than the maze of what could be done.

Speakers:

• Joanne Beatty  Director, Sustainability Services, KPMG LLP
• Caterina Conti  Ambassador, Textile Exchange
• Angelika Guldt  Sustainability Communications, Lenzing AG
Breakout 1A: Everything You Need to Know About Micro-Fibers and Micro-Plastics

Textile microfiber pollution is a worrying subset of the larger microplastics issue. There has been much speculation on the source, volume and impact of textile microfibers, but several organizations are working to more definitively understand the impacts to the environment and find solutions to reduce these impacts. This breakout session provided additional resources and updates on research projects designed to: develop a standardized method of measuring textile microfibers in aquatic environments; understand the rate of release by textile fiber types; and discussed the impact of various fiber types to freshwater, saltwater, wastewater environments.

Speakers:
- Jesse Daystar  Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, Cotton Incorporated
- Carole Dubois  Senior Sustainability Consultant, Quantis
- Sophie Mather  Material Futurist, biov8tion
- Ben Mead  Managing Director, Hohenstein Institute America
- John Mowbray  Founder & Editor, EcoTextile News

Breakout 1B: Building Climate-Resilient & Regenerative Supply Chains Through Carbon Insetting

This breakout session introduced the evolving mechanism of carbon insetting and discussed its potential for the textile sector. Brands heard about insetting as a strategic tool to address and reduce some of their biggest impacts, and how insetting can be a pathway to contribute to the Paris Agreement ambition and the SDGs. Suppliers heard about insetting as a practical and scalable solution to transition to a low-carbon business model, and how to incorporate climate resiliency into business operations.

Call for Action #1: join Textile Exchange’s insetting working group to help shape a white paper on insetting in textiles (contact Ryan Young at Ryan@TextileExchange.org).

Speakers:
- Sandra Brandt  Director, International Platform for Insetting (IPI)
- Jennifer Cooper  VP of Client Services, Native Energy
- Dr. Helen Crowley  Head of Sustainable Sourcing Innovation, Kering
- Dale Galvin  Managing Director, Sustainable Markets and Impact Investing, Rare
- Ryan Young  Director of Strategy & Program Development, Textile Exchange
Breakout 1C: Show Me the Data!

Good data helps make good decisions. As an industry, we are undoubtedly relying more and more on access to data, with a growing interest and confidence that we can get much closer to "the first mile" of our supply chains. From Life Cycle Assessment to calculating Scope 3 carbon emissions, companies are setting science-based targets and using data to determine which fibers and materials are more sustainable than others - and will get them to their target. This session explored the latest thinking on data modeling and just how to get closer to your own company’s first mile.

Speakers:
• Naomi Rosenthal  Director Sustainable Supply Chains, South Pole
• Emanuela Scimia  Managing Director, Thinkstep
• Liesl Truscott  European & Materials Strategy Director, Textile Exchange
• Megan Meiklejohn  Sustainable Materials & Transparency Manager, Eileen Fisher

Breakout 1D: Threading the Needle: Progress and Capacity of Key Sourcing Countries to Implement the SDGs

This SDG breakout session focused on practical guidance of how to engage with the Sustainable Development Goals, including how to use Threading the Needle’s engagement framework of priority SDGs, the potential for circular economy contributions to the SDG targets (including to support inclusive human development and the impact on women’s employment in developing countries), and a mapping case study from one of the brand participants in Threading the Needle. This session also offered insights on national implementation of the SDGs in Asia, including insights from KPMG’s SDG Readiness Index for top textile sourcing countries. A key takeaway of the breakout and the overall conference was the call to action to develop an industry focused initiative around the SDGs, since brands are still in the early stages of engagement.

Speakers:
• Joanne Beatty  Director, Sustainability Services, KPMG LLP
• Caterina Conti  Ambassador, Textile Exchange
• Jeremiah Magpile  Senior Associate, KPMG LLP
• Patrick Schroeder  Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies
• Cara Chacon  VP, Social and Environmental Responsibility, Patagonia
• Karen Newman  Consultant, United Nations
Breakout 1E: The OECD Due Diligence Guidance as a Framework for Governmental-lead Initiatives in Europe

The OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector provides a practical framework for due diligence, describing how companies can identify and prevent 12 key harms related to human rights, labor, environmental and integrity risks in their own operations and in their supply chains. This Breakout introduced the Guidance and how the OECD works with businesses and other stakeholder groups.

Speakers:
- Simonetta Di Tommaso  Ministry of Economic Development
- Sarah Gray  Research Analyst, WRAP
- Juergen Janssen  Program Director, Partnership for Sustainable Textiles c/o GIZ
- Jennifer Schappert  Policy Advisor, OECD
- Simone Seisl  Special Projects, Textile Exchange
- Marieke Weerdesteijn  Senior Policy Advisor, Dutch Textile Agreement (SER)

Breakout 1F: Recycled, Renewable, Recyclable. Circular?

Complications in a circular economy come from different definitions caused by different systems and processes around the world. There is also a need to better understand how systems can help designers build circularity into their products. The speakers presented on the importance of policy and regulations to better help the supply chain think differently and enforce changed systems. Brands and retailers are coming up with different definitions of what circularity is and that makes it hard for legislation when there is a lack of consistency. There is no doubt that this will be an ongoing dialogue on a global scale among all players in the supply chain and industry.

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Speakers:
- Ashley Gill  Senior Manager of Industry Integrity, Textile Exchange
- Mauro Scalia  Director Sustainable Businesses, EURATEX
Exclusive Member-Only Lunch

Guest Speaker: Jill Dumain  CEO, bluesign technologies

Jill Dumain challenged Textile Exchange Members to be “Bold in your pursuits” during an exclusive member-only lunch event.

Jill is currently CEO at bluesign technologies and former board member for Organic Exchange, seeing the organization through the transition to becoming Textile Exchange. We greatly value Jill’s leadership in the industry and are deeply grateful for the inspiring words she shared!

Don’t miss future opportunities for member-exclusive events! Contact Membership@TextileExchange.org to become a member.
Breakout 2A: New Reports that Will Drive Your Sustainability Strategy

Forum for the Future – Changing Markets Report
- This is the age of advocate Marketing not Influencer Market
- Blockchain is making headway in supply chains

Quantis International – Measuring Fashion
- According to Quantis International, three stages of fiber production - yarn preparation, dyeing and finishing - account for 79% of the total climate impact in apparel.
- Three metrics-based levers to drive change:
  1. Rethink energy
  2. Disrupt to reduce
  3. Design for the future

 Speakers:
- Angela Adams  Senior Sustainability Consultant, Quantis
- Sally Uren  Chief Executive, Forum for the Future
- Celeste Lilore  Director of Industry Engagement, Textile Exchange

Breakout 2B: Wool: the facts behind the figures. A guided tour of the wool lifecycle

We are bombarded with mixed messages about the impact of wool. Is the ‘E’ rating for wool in the MADE-BY Environmental Benchmark for Fiber accurate and if so how does this align with studies showing benefits across all stages of the life cycle of wool – from carbon sequestration through to end of life?

This session took attendees on a guided tour of the wool supply chain and discussed impacts at each stage of wool production; from animal welfare and the impacts of grazing on land health at the farm, chemical use during processing through to end of life (and recycling).

 Speakers:
- Philip Attard  Director, Gostwyck Partners
- Ben Mead  Managing Director, Hohenstein Institute America
- Elisabeth van Delden  Wool Communicator, Elisabeth van Delden
Breakout 2C: Changing the Mindset Around Chemicals Management

This breakout session acknowledged that the challenges are immense, including industry scale, the growing population, and increasing consumption of apparel and footwear and set out to address the challenges. A change in mindset is needed, from “pocket protector” to a holistic input stream management. We need to stop applying “end-of-pipe” thinking and start thinking about a concerted approach to strategies along the chemical flow, from the input to the end product. A management system approach needs to be applied, both at a strategy level and on the ground in the factories.

Chemical management can’t wait! Get started now and perfect later.

Speakers:
• Karin Ekberg  CEO, Leadership & Sustainability
• John Frazier  Senior Technical Director, Hohenstein Institute America
Breakout 2E: The Sustainable Cotton Change Agents – “Achieving the Goals"

Representatives from leading sustainable cotton initiatives gathered to inform about progress with the 2025 Cotton Challenge and discussed tools and resources from Cotton2040 to gain a better understanding of how we work together to achieve common goals. These initiatives champion best practices to transform agriculture beyond sustainability to regenerative - building healthy and resilient communities.

Speakers:
- Cara Chacon  VP, Social and Environmental Responsibility, Patagonia
- Charlene Collison  Associate Director, Sustainable Value Chains and Livelihoods, Forum for the Future / Cotton 2040
- Brent Crossland  Ambassador, Textile Exchange
- Subindu Garkhel  Cotton and Textiles Lead, Fairtrade Foundation
- Noel Paulson  General Manager Quality Assurance, Edcon
- Phil Townsend  Sustainable Raw Materials Specialist, Marks & Spencer
- Alison Ward  CEO, CottonConnect
- Melanie Williams  Director, Melanie Williams Consulting
- Amy Jackson  Director of Membership, Better Cotton Initiative
- Rod Snyder  President, Field to Market
- Tina Stridde  Managing Director, Cotton Made In Africa

Breakout 2F: Innovations in Sustainable Manufacturing

In this session, the speakers presented a series of innovative practices throughout the value chain, from fiber production to an onshoring pilot program. The session also highlighted the different challenges faced by manufacturers in Italy and Asia. The panelists discussed the need to address the apparel business model which is currently based on consumption. The panelists also discussed the need for greater transparency and challenges of fair pricing for more sustainable products in the face of rising costs and tariffs. While different in many respects, the Italian and Asian value chains both face challenges and opportunities but will need to innovate to survive.

Speakers:
- Caterina Conti  Ambassador, Textile Exchange
- Andrea Crespi  Managing Director, EUROJERSEY Spa
- Fukumi Hauser  Project Director, Fung Academy
- Karla Magruder  Founder, FabriKology
- Sam Moore  Owner, Ouroboros Holdings, LLC.
- James Huang  President, Kingwhale Corporation
Why Brands Should Take a Stand

New research from Edelman suggests that all brands need to take a stand on social or environmental issues. Published in early October, the 2018 Edelman Earned Brand survey of more than 40,000 global consumers from the US, UK, Europe and Asia shows there has been a significant rise in "belief-driven" buyers. For most consumers – across all ages and income groups – beliefs are driving their purchasing decisions. These mainstream consumers think brands have better ideas and can do more than government to solve social ills. They want brands to help them act on accelerating sustainability. Find out more about what this important market segment thinks with a whistle stop tour of the survey’s main findings from Andrew Wilson. And learn how the purpose-led VF Corporation is growing market share by delivering activations through its Made for Change program that appeal to this growing group of concerned consumers.

Speakers:
- Anna Maria Rugarli  Senior Director Sustainability & Responsibility, VF
- Andrew Wilson  Executive Director, Purpose, Edelman
Conversation About the Growing Role of Sustainability in the Luxury Sector

This plenary explored challenges, trends and opportunities for the luxury sector of the apparel and textile market. Attendees heard from two of the most well known brands what it means to introduce sustainability concepts into their brand profiles.

Speakers:
- Claire Bergkamp  Worldwide Director of Sustainability and Innovation, Stella McCartney
- Jocelyn Wilkinson  Responsibility Program Director, Burberry
Highlights + Insights from 2018 Preferred Fiber & Materials Benchmark

The Preferred Fiber & Materials (PFM) Benchmark provides a robust structure to help companies systematically measure, manage and integrate a preferred fiber and materials strategy into mainstream business operations, to compare progress, and to transparently communicate performance and progress to stakeholders. The PFM Benchmark has evolved over three years of operation into the largest peer-to-peer comparison initiative in the sector. 111 companies participated in 2018, an increase of 106% since 2015, with average index scores increasing from 49 to 56 since the start of the full program.

Speakers:
- Liesl Truscott  European & Materials Strategy Director, Textile Exchange

Access the report: https://textileexchange.org/publications/
Convincing the C-suite through Persuasion and Data: How to Influence at a High Level

Brands have accepted the challenge to adopt a Preferred Fiber and Materials (PFM) Portfolio and are poised to transform the apparel and textile industry beyond conventional fibers. But, what are the ongoing challenges and risks and how to manage them from a brand and supplier perspective? PFM market leaders shared their perspectives and insights.

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Speakers:
- Liesl Truscott  European & Materials Strategy Director, Textile Exchange
- Nanda Bergstein  Director Corporate Responsibility, Tchibo GmbH
- Cara Chacon  VP, Social and Environmental Responsibility, Patagonia
- Alfred Vernis  Sustainability Manager, Inditex
- Charline Ducas  Leader Global Circular Economy, C&A
- Helen Crowley  Head of Sustainable Sourcing Innovation, Kering
The conference saw the launch of Textile Exchange’s 2018 suite of preferred fiber reports, which measure and rank the production and usage of fiber and materials that offer improved social and environmental impacts.

The reports find that some of the world’s most renowned apparel brands and retailers are increasing their use of preferred fibers and materials, managing ever-expanding portfolios, while production on the industry’s supply side grows steadily and drives innovation with new choices.

As we celebrate progress and achievements, we are mindful of the scale of the challenge we face as a sector. Globally, fiber production has tipped 100 million metric tons, and only a small fraction is coming from preferred sources. Closing, and shrinking, the production and consumption cycle is critical to living within planetary boundaries and to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals.

With a mission to accelerate the uptake of preferred fibers and materials, Textile Exchange is at the leading edge in generating comprehensive statistics for the textile industry, and runs the largest peer-to-peer benchmark of its kind.

You can access this suite of reports here them at https://textileexchange.org/publications/.
What’s Next in Traceability and Impacts Measurement?

Traceability plays a significant role in driving environmental and social impacts. However, according to the UN Global Compact, supply chain practices is ranked as the biggest challenge to companies trying to improve their sustainability performances. The lack of visibility of materials from finished to source along complex multi-tiered supply networks is regarded as a major challenge to managing risks and advancing impacts. This session explored some of the innovation solutions in supply chain traceability and analytics, and how these technologies can be used to improve impact.

Speakers:
- Johan Zandbergen  CEO, ChainPoint
- Evonne Tan  Data Management & China Strategy Director, Textile Exchange
How Apparel and Textiles can Drive the Circular Economy Part 1

In this plenary we heard from Paola Migliorini, Team Leader Circular Economy at the European Commission, Directorate General Environment and learned about the EU commission’s Circular Economy’s Implementation Report. This Implementation Report provides an overview of the progress achieved in the transition to a circular economy, as well as the untapped potential for opportunities. Ms. Migliorini also discussed that ‘textiles are the new plastics’ which poses a new outlook for consumers to understand the impacts of garments, from manufacturing to the end-user phase. New recycling technologies are crucial to solving the global textile waste problem and to be able to replace some of the virgin materials such as cotton and polyester with recycled textile materials is an opportunity brands/retailers/suppliers and manufacturers should incorporate into their supply chains.

Speakers:

- Paola Migliorini  Team Leader Circular Economy, European Commission
How Apparel and Textiles can Drive the Circular Economy Part 2

Francois Souchet presented an overview of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's "Make Fashion Circular" initiative and how stakeholders can engage. Afterwards, Deborah Drew from the World Resources Institute explained why business models that reuse clothing (rental, resale, repair) are needed for responsible business growth, how demand for these services is evolving, and how apparel companies can start to assess their options. How will apparel companies meet surging consumer demand while reining in social and environmental costs? An overlooked but essential strategy is to get more out of clothing.

Speakers:
- Deborah Drew  Research Analyst, World Resources Institute
- Francois Souchet  Lead - Make Fashion Circular, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
The T-shirt that Becomes a Plastic Bottle: Circular Business Model Insights

This inspiring session featured a cross-sector collaboration between Maurizio Crippa of gr3n, Frederic Dreux of Unilever and Mattias Bodin of H&M. Attendees heard the exchange of views on a promising new industrial process to chemically recycle PET bottles, food containers and even textiles. The panelists discussed the challenges and opportunities of working across sectors to address the global issues of recycling, collection, contamination and rPET.

Speakers:
- Mattias Bodin  Business Sustainability Expert, H&M
- Maurizio Crippa  CEO, gr3n Recycling
- Frederic Dreux  R&D Prestige Packaging Leader, Unilever
- Karla Magruder  Founder, Fabrikology
Apparel Sector’s Water Stewardship Opportunity

Over the last several years, apparel companies have made considerable progress on water-related operational efficiencies (including pollution reduction) across their value chain. Establishing water stewardship partnerships within a river basin is a difficult yet extremely valuable action and represents a new frontier for leading apparel companies and their contributions to Sustainable Development Goal 6. The CEO Water Mandate is working with apparel companies to establish place-based collective action projects around water stewardship in river basins where brands have operations and face water risks. During this session, the CEO Water Mandate provided an overview of the apparel sector’s water stewardship progress and introduce the activities planned for the Cauvery Basin in India where apparel companies have mills and factories and are seeking to collaborate with additional stakeholders to pilot test context-based water targets by determining basin context and other water stewardship projects.

Speaker: Jason Morrison  Head/President, Pacific Institute
Breakout 3A: Solutions for a Thirsty Industry

Businesses are facing increasing amounts of physical, reputational, and regulatory water risk. The Apparel and Textile industry in particular sources from and operates in water-stressed regions of the world. Water stewardship allows businesses to reduce water risk while contributing to water security and SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation. Collaborative solutions to key water challenges throughout the value chain were discussed, including projects from Organimark, Gap Inc., Project Factory, Levi Strauss, and Global Reporting Initiative. Working toward SDG 6 targets should be a priority for everyone in the apparel and textile value chain.

Speakers:
- Jason Morrison  Head/President, Paci fic Institute
- Paolo Foglia  Research and Development Manager, ICEA
- Liza Schillo  Manager, Product Sustainability, Levi Strauss
- Lisa Hook  Senior Manager, Women + Water Program, Sustainable Innovation, Gap, Inc.
- Sabine Content  Director, GRI Global Reporting Initiative
- Giuditta Passini  Sustainability Consultant, Process Factory s.r.l.
- Heinrich Schultz Founder & Managing Director of OrganiMark

Breakout 3B: Unleashing the Potential of Standards and Certification

This breakout explored the question, “How Can Standards Drive Change?” Important takeaways include a need for alignment and stakeholder engagement. Here are a few other notes:
- ISEAL Standards mapped against SDG’s – creates a common language to demonstrate contribution to SDG.
- What do we want standards to achieve? Alignment, change, farm improvement, supply chain, claims.
- How do we create scale? Push the limits of the standards to stretch and create customer demand.

Speakers:
- Hanna Denes  Senior Manager of Standards, Textile Exchange
- Ashley Gill  Senior Manager of Industry Integrity, Textile Exchange
- Anne Gillespie  Director of Industry Integrity, Textile Exchange
- Maria Teresa Pisani  Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE
Breakout 3C: Building Circular Systems

To have true circularity we need new systems that do not exist today. What are they and how do we get them up and running? This session allowed attendees to outline potential circular systems. We identified today's functioning segments and gaps to close the supply chains. Later in the session we convened all groups to identify areas of competency, along with work that needs to be done to create and scale circular supply chains.

Speakers:
- Andrea Franchi  Chemical Department Manager, Buzzi Lab
- Bill Jasper  President, Two Eleven Associates
- Karla Magruder  Founder, Fabrikology
- Sophie Saing  Project Manager, Texaid
- Francois Souchet  Lead - Make Fashion Circular, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- Kerem Saral  Senior Supply Chain Manager, Better Cotton Initiative
- Patrick Schroeder  Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies
- Birgit Altmann  Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Europe

Breakout 3D: Engaging with "Belief-Driven" Consumers: Actions for Brands to Take a Stand

Building on the insights from the 2018 Edelman Earned Brand survey presented on day one, this session explored how brands can engage positively with belief-driven consumers. A five-step model for building purpose into the heart of business was introduced along with the principles of action with specific case studies of successes and pitfalls – giving a clear insight into the truths about taking a stand. Attendees were inspired by lessons from the front-line of how to engage key audiences on the drive to become a purpose-led business.

Speakers:
- Meredith Boyd  Vice President - Brand Sales, Uni/f_i Manufacturing, Inc.
- Marianella Cervi  Head of Sustainability & Responsibility, Timberland
- Rachel Lincoln  Director of Sustainability, prAna
- Andrew Wilson  Executive Director, Purpose, Edelman
Breakout 3E: Innovative Resources for Choosing Preferred Materials & Impacting Business Decisions

In this session, attendees heard from four organizations and how they are influencing industry and brand partners to integrate sustainability into product development decisions on a daily basis. Attendees learned about data collection and exposure, about collaboration across the four organizations that created a Gap Inc. tailored educational tool and resource for product developers, and how Gap Inc. is integrating education throughout their organization.

Speakers:
- Julie Brown  Director, Higg Index, Sustainable Apparel Coalition
- Holly Browne  Head of Sustainable Product and Story, Made-by
- Megan Stoneburner  Product Sustainability Manager, GAP Inc.
- Liesl Truscott  European & Materials Strategy Director, Textile Exchange

Breakout 3F: Regenerative Agriculture and the Journey Toward Resilient Communities

Pure Strategies discussed how soil loss afflicts many growing regions globally, as conventional cultivation practices degrade soil. Wrangler then explained their soil health program that was introduced last year, aiming to increase the supply of sustainable cotton and encouraging wider adoption of responsible farming practices in the United States. Metawear followed with providing an inspiring talk about their RESET (Regenerate Environment Society Economy Textiles) program that creates the first ever regenerative-in-conversion standard in India, serving as an immediate solution to the transition to organic. This session was concluded by NSF International where we learned about the Regenerative Organic Certification (ROC), which aims to increase soil organic matter over time and sequester carbon in the soil, improve animal welfare and provide economic stability and fairness for farmers, ranchers and workers.

Speakers:
- Tim Greiner  Co-founder and Managing Director, Pure Strategies
- Marci Zaroff  CEO, MetaWear
- Roian Atwood  Director of Sustainability, Wrangler
- Jeff Wilson  Business Development Director - Sustainability, NSF International
Breakout 4A: Taking the Syn out of Synthetics

As we gear up for a fossil fuel free industry, how do we source synthetic feedstocks differently? What are our options for a preferred synthetics portfolio, and how are manufacturers and brands setting targets to complete the transition? As we embark on the journey, how do we make certain our steps take us closer to a bio and circular economy that addresses the needs of the future? Presenters and attendees in this session discussed a world beyond fossil fuels. Can we take the "syn" out of synthetics?

Speakers:
- Meredith Boyd  Vice President - Brand Sales, UniFi Manufacturing, Inc.
- Hao Ding  Manager, DuPont Industrial Biosciences
- Brad Boren  Director of Innovation & Sustainability, Norrona
- Nils Mansson  Materials & Innovation Deployment Leader, IKEA

Breakout 4B: The Second Life of Cotton

This breakout session looked at solutions that are available NOW, including aspects like cost of recycled cotton that is dependant on the type of recycling technology that is used. The growth rate of cotton fiber consumption and demand is likely to continue increasing. Can we actually grow enough cotton to meet increasing demand without recycled fibers increasing in availability?

Speakers:
- Traci Kinden  Project Manager, Circle Economy
- Helene Smits  Business Development, Recover
- Marty Anderson  Director Sales and Tech Support, Recover/Hilaturas Ferre
- Malvina Hoxha  Business Development Manager Knit Markets, Lenzing
Breakout 4C: Tackling the Top Social and Human Rights Challenges in Your Value Chain

This session covered a number of case studies that demonstrate how deliberate, thoughtful, innovative efforts by companies to address the social dimensions of their operations or value chains can deliver a significant contribution to the people-part of sustainable development. One of the biggest takeaways from this session is the importance of taking into account the human development aspects of the value chain, including in the face of new manufacturing business models.

Speakers:
• Caterina Conti  Ambassador, Textile Exchange
• Fukumi Hauser  Project Director, Fung Academy
• Francis West  Business Learning Program Director, Shift
• Maria Teresa Betti  Communication and Sustainability Professional, Radici Partecipazioni SPA

Breakout 4D: Strengthening Integrity through Textile Exchange Standards

Building from the work of the session on Unleashing the Potential of Certification to identify what standards should achieve, this session looked at how to get there. We discussed the different tools that Standards use to deliver change: multi-stakeholder engagement, models of traceability, creating value for users, and delivering impacts to meet our goals. Attendees contributed to building the roadmap for current and future standards that will deliver the change this planet needs.

Speakers:
• Binay Choudhury  Chairman, Control Union - India
• Mark Prose  Team Manager Textile & Social Compliance, Control Union
• Ashley Gill  Senior Manager of Industry Integrity, Textile Exchange
• Anne Gillespie  Director of Industry Integrity, Textile Exchange
• Hanna Denes  Senior Manager of Standards, Textile Exchange
Breakout 4E: Central Database System (CDS) Briefing

The Central Database System (CDS) is a collaborative technical platform currently in development for the chain of custody of GOTS and Textile Exchange standards. The system integrates scope certification, transaction certification and volume reconciliation across all supply chain stakeholders and Certification Bodies for GOTS and OCS standards in organic, as well as CCS, RCS, GRS, RDS and RWS standards in other preferred fiber and materials.

This session provided an update on the current development and explored opportunities for future improvement.

Speakers:
- Lee Tyler  Senior Manager of Standards Assurance, Textile Exchange
- Alexander Ellebrecht  Director, ChainPoint

Breakout 4F: Making a Market for Clothing Reuse

Business models that reuse clothing (rental, resale, repair) are key for responsible business growth. In this workshop, participants discussed three things companies need to pursue these models at scale: 1) consumer demand; 2) credible metrics for assessing social and environmental benefits, and 3) helpful public policies. WRI experts shared early research findings from their Reuse Market Makers project, and participants had the chance to provide feedback on this groundbreaking piece of work based on their experience with business model innovation.

Speakers:
- Austin Dickerson Research Analyst, World Resources Institute
- Deborah Drew Research Analyst, World Resources Institute
- Eliot Metzger Senior Associate, World Resources Institute
Part 1: The Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action

On the brink of potentially dangerous climate change, immediate action is required for the fashion sector to be aligned with the goals of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and move towards net-zero emissions by 2050. UN Climate Change has initiated a broader climate action work programme convening fashion stakeholders to develop a coherent, unified position on climate. This session will bring together the perspective of the UN Climate Change and PUMA to present this groundbreaking collaborative approach - the first-ever Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action - which has the capacity to mobilize the industry in an unprecedented manner. Participants were invited to join this journey.

Speakers:
- Lindita Xhaferi-Salihu  Project Manager, Global Climate Action, UNFCCC
- Stefan Seidel  Head of Corporate Sustainability, Puma

Take Action! Sign the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action

Following months of stakeholder engagement, UN Climate Change’s challenge to the fashion industry to develop a coherent approach to fighting climate change, culminated in the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action. This charter includes a target of 30% GHG emission reductions by 2030 and at the same time commitment to analyze and set a decarbonization pathway, drawing on methodologies from the Science-Based Targets Initiative. Even if your company has already made a climate action commitment, it’s important to endorse the charter and join this journey in order to both align with the Paris Agreement and accelerate collective action throughout the shared global value chain. Contact the UN Climate Change at climatedialogues@unfccc.int for more information and sign the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action in advance of the international climate change negotiations (COP 24 - December ‘18), where the delegates are expected to finalize the guidelines for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
Part 2: Fashion, Forests, Collaboration and Climate Change

As the world looks toward the SDGs to address the many issues we are facing, it is clear that the need for collaboration across initiatives, organizations and industry sectors is paramount to achieving meaningful change. Common definitions and targets will enable us to align the work of the many different players to leverage our collective impact. Hear about work being done to leverage the power of industry to address deforestation, one of the key contributors to our changing climate.

Speakers:
- Anne Gillespie  Director of Industry Integrity, Textile Exchange
- Birgit Altmann  Associate Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Europe
- Laila Petrie  Textiles and Cotton Network Lead, WWF
We heard from Cara Smyth, Founder, GCYNC Fair Fashion Center, about her journey of becoming a change-maker. The Fair Fashion Center is a research center focusing on profitability and sustainability, incubating actionable business solutions that resolve social and environmental impacts. Collaborating with CEOs on collective action, systems change is created. The business of fashion is in the process of a radical transformation. New leaders are needed who can thrive on the challenges of globalization, new technologies and increasing (and justified!) demands for the industry to make a more positive impact on the environment and society. In addition, Textile Exchange has collaborated with GCNYC for a MS in International Fashion Marketing, with a focus on Fair Fashion scholarship. This unique degree is for people who want to take a truly global, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach to transforming the fashion industry from the inside out.
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Organic and Responsible Silk in the Italian & International Fashion Industry | Como, Italy

Recycled Wool in Prato, Italy: Between History and Modernity | Prato, Italy

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