

Dear All,

We hope you are all well, safe and healthy! This is it. COP27 is starting in just a couple of days. From the COP27 catwalk, to the World Climate Summit and the UNEP Black Friday webinar, you will have plenty of opportunities to engage, learn and grow!

We are excited to share a new round of updates and news from the world of sustainable and circular textiles with you. Numerous insightful events and activities are taking place during this busy period, so we hope that this newsletter can help you keep track. As always, thank you for keeping us updated and we look forward to continuing to share your resources here and on our website.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue and look forward to continuing to keep in touch!

Upcoming Events



UNEP and **Global Fashion Agenda (GFA)** are coming together to present two events during **COP27** - an online webinar in the EU online pavilion and an in-person-only event in the Green Zone. The EU online event will explore the measures needed to meet the 1.5 degree pathway and progress towards a net positive fashion industry by 2050. The organisation will be unveiling a new initiative designed to converge industry efforts and provide a clear route of travel. Join the online event on **November 8th, 2.30-3.30PM** (Egypt). Find out more [here](#). During the COP27 Green Zone talk show event, 'Circular Systems for a Net Positive Fashion Industry', GFA and UNEP will welcome industry leaders to talk about a route of travel to a circular fashion system, from circular design to business models and recycling to citizen's behaviour. The event will take place on **November 12th, 6PM – 7PM** (Egypt) in the Green Zone amphitheatre.



In mind of Black Friday, the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)**, **Global Opportunities for Sustainable Development Goals (GO4SDGs)**, the **One Planet Network Sustainable Lifestyles and Education Programme**, and **Hot or Cool** are hosting a webinar on '**Shifting the fashion narrative: rethinking aspiration in a world of overconsumption**'. This event will highlight how consumption change is where the biggest need

and opportunity for sustainability lies. It will showcase speakers from the forces that influence consumption and shape aspirations, underscoring areas for hope and defining where we should focus our efforts. The webinar will take place on **November 23rd 2-3:30PM CET**, you can find out more and register [here](#).



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The Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) is organizing its annual sustainability conference on **2nd 3rd & 4th November in New Delhi**. The conference convenes national and international stakeholders from government, industry, academia, international organizations, youth and civil society to deliberate on emerging trends, innovations and potential solutions for sustainability challenges. Speakers will present on a variety of topics including ‘Implementing Sustainable Cotton Sourcing Strategies’, ‘Bamboo Value Chain: Learnings, Insights and Way Forward’ and ‘Promoting Family Friendly Policies in the Apparel and Textile Clusters’. For more information and to register please [visit this page](#).



The **Global Fashion Agenda (GFA)** is bringing its international forum for sustainability in fashion to Asia for the first time. **The Global Fashion Summit: Singapore Edition** will take place on **November 3rd** at the Hilton Singapore Orchard. The new edition will continue GFA's focus on 'Alliances for a New Era'. With a targeted audience of fashion leaders including new voices, the forum will facilitate intimate discussions and networking opportunities between industry stakeholders and decision makers. The program will showcase broader perspectives, practical case studies and foster textile value cycle collaboration. Learn more [here](#).



On **November 13th** the **World Climate Summit** hosts Solution Session 3.1A at **COP27** in Egypt and online on the theme: **Minimising Climate Impacts Across the Value Chain - Best Practices from Sustainable Textiles and Apparel**. The event will discuss the importance of clear commitments, bold actions, and strong partnerships between brands and retailers to transform the entire value chain in the textile and apparel industry. Speakers include Simone Cipriani, the Founder and Manager + Chair of the UN Alliance for Sustainable Fashion, Ethical Fashion Initiative. Find out more [here](#).



For the first time ever, the **Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra's World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF)** will be taking place in Africa. Titled **From Africa to the World**, the forum will be held in Kigali, Rwanda and online on **6–8th December**. The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra will be co-hosting WCEF 2022 with **African Studios** to live stream the main event in five major cities across the African continent with the aim to engage people, enable a broad local participation and provide an opportunity for discussions on local circular economy examples and networking. Register [here](#) for online participation, the full agenda and speakers list will be shared mid-November. You can also apply to organise a side-event [here](#) and WCEF global studios [here](#).



Fashion Values - a free and open-access sustainability education program developed by the Centre for Sustainable Fashion in collaboration with Kering, IBM and Vogue Business is searching for the next change-making products, services and systems for their **Fashion Values Challenge 2022**. This year's theme is: How can fashion value society? The challenge is open to anyone from students to industry professionals. Winners will access a tailored 6-month support programme with advisors from the Fashion Values network. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. Submissions close on **Monday 23rd January 2023**.



The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is hosting their **9th Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector** on **February 16-17th** in Paris. The Forum convenes representatives from government, business, workers, civil society and international organizations to discuss challenges and risks as well as learnings and solutions related to implementing due diligence in global garment and footwear supply chains. Registrations for the 2023 OECD Forum will open later this year and the agenda will be published in January 2023. The Forum will be accompanied by side sessions that will take place in a virtual format from 13-15th February 2023. The OECD welcomes proposals for virtual side sessions **by 2nd November 2022**. Read [here](#) for further

information on the requirements and application process.

Past events



In celebration of **World Cotton Day on October 7th 2022**, the Indian Ministry of Textiles organized a national level consultation on **Sustainability in the Textile Value Chain** in India in collaboration with the **UNEP** and the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. With the objective to discuss sustainability initiatives across the textile value chain, digital interventions along with potential strategies for enhancing sustainability and circularity in the Indian textile value chain, a co-operation agreement was signed between UNEP and the Indian Textile Committee marking a key way forward in mainstreaming sustainability, circularity and traceability in India's textile sector. You can read the press release [here](#).

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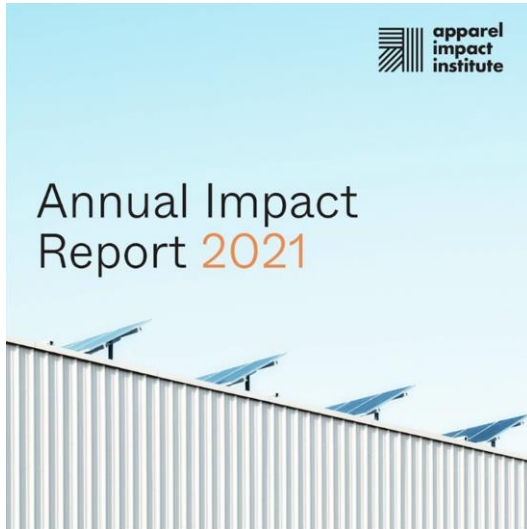


As a part of **World Standards Day** on **October 14th 2022**, the **Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS)** highlighted the importance of standards in the sustainable transition of the textiles industry. ECOS finds that with the right standards in place, standards can support legislation, harmonise definitions and help manufacturers make quality textile products that last longer. You can read more [here](#).

Publications and Resources



UNEP's Sustainable Fashion: Communication Strategy 2021 - 2024, finalised in 2020, is now available online. The strategy sets the context for the issues the industry is facing as well as the landscape in which it finds itself both from a consumer insights and policy perspective. It has been developed based on an extensive literature review, as well as a consultation period involving upward of 40 experts from across the global industry. It has also been informed by a series of workshops run by UNEP's Sustainable and Circular Textile Value Chain workstream. You can read the full strategy [here](#).



The **Apparel Impact Institute (All)** published their **Annual Impact Report for 2021** highlighting details and data about their programs and projects in 2021. The report outlines that they resulted in actual GHG reductions of 316,451 tonnes for the year for facilities that completed programs in 2021, with another 482,706 tonnes forecast for facilities that started programs in 2021. You can read the full report [here](#).



A recent report by **The Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)** commissioned by **The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra** suggests four ways for the EU to support a circular transition through trade and international co-operation. According to Sitra's new study, the circular economy can open up new opportunities including the design and production of long-lasting, repairable clothes to new service models such as clothing rental. The report also finds that the intervention of the circular economy in four key sectors has significant potential to halt global biodiversity loss and help nature recover. Read the full report [here](#).

In the News



The textile-producing countries of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Viet Nam have joined forces in a \$43-million initiative to manage and reduce hazardous chemicals and pollution in their textile industries. Led by the **UNEP**, with the financial backing of the **Global Environment Facility (GEF)** and the support of the **Basel & Stockholm Convention Regional Centre South-East Asia** and the **Natural Resources Defence Council**, the reducing uses and releases of chemicals of concern in the textiles sector five-year programme will support SMEs and manufacturers to improve their knowledge and management of hazardous chemicals, guiding them to manage risks to workers, and eventually eliminate the worst chemicals from their production processes. Read more [here](#).

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