



30th UN/CEFACT Forum 2017

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Conference begins at 10:30am

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Tracking and Tracing Textile Supply Chains

Ethical and Informed Choices for Sustainable Clothing

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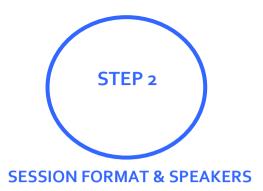


Clothing is one of the largest industries in the world economy, generating annual revenues of around US\$ 3 trillion, producing 80 billion garments, and employing 60 to 75 million people. The industry is a global one, with its supply chains spreading across all countries, driven mostly by big retailers and traders that determine where to produce, what to produce, and at which prices to sell. As drivers of one of the biggest economic sectors in the global economy and key influencers of consumption habits, retailers and traders have a responsibility to respect and protect social and human rights, as well as the environment.

As a follow up to the 2017 European Development Days, this UN/CEFACT conference will include keynote speeches and round table discussions to involve the community in discussions towards new business models and circularity for sustainability, the latest traceability solutions and technologies, as well as where there is the possibility for multi-stakeholder collaboration to facilitate transparency in textile supply chains.

More specifically, this conference aims to (1) Discuss the key findings of the UNECE draft background research paper on transparency in textile value chains in relation to the environmental, social, and human health impacts of parts, components, and production processes; (2) Receive input from experts in trade facilitation and textile supply chains on a project for a UN track and trace standard for the textiles business chain; (3) Receive specific recommendations to launch a project on an international framework initiative on traceability for sustainable clothing; (4) Define ways to move forward.

Expected outcomes of this conference are to identify basic principles, suggest possible solutions, and provide specific recommendations for an international framework initiative on transparency and traceability for sustainability patterns in the clothing sector, in support of Sustainable Development Goal 12 on responsible production and consumption.



10:00-10:30 Welcome Coffee

Moderator: Cittadellarte Fashion B.E.S.T, Paolo Naldini, Director

10:30-11:00 Opening

Welcoming Remarks and Overview of Issues for Discussion

Italian Trade Agency – Piergiorgio Borgogelli, Director General
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe – Maria Teresa Pisani, Acting Chief Sustainable Trade
The Netherlands – Frans van Diepen, National Service for Enterprises, Ministry of Economic Affairs

11:00 - 12:30

Clothes can be Produced Sustainably: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

Bocconi University, Francesca Romana Rinaldi, Director Master in Brand and Business Management GS1 – Markus Mueller, Director Industry Engagement Apparel & General Merchandise, Global Office REDA Group – Fabrizio Goggi, Global Communication Director

United Nations Environment (UNEP) – Sandra Averous, Programme Officer Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry Branch

International Trade Centre (ITC) - Joseph Wozniak, Head Trade4SustainableDevelopment Program Wageningen University - Lan Ge, Researcher

13:30 - 17:00 Four Parallel Roundtables and Group Work

Theme A. Traceability and sustainability in textile supply chains – experiences and good practices; Theme B. Business sector engagement and consumers awareness; Theme C. Standards and certification: Legal and regulatory frameworks – available tools and gaps to be addressed

Theme D. Innovative IT Solutions

Italian Fashion system – Textile and Fashion Federation – Alessandra Guffanti, President

Cittadellarte, Fashion B.E.S.T, Roberto Mollica, Senior Adviser

BerBrand - Emanuele Bertoli, CEO

Textile and Health - Mauro Rossetti, Director General

Aite Group - Enrico Camerinelli, Senior Analyst

Fendi Group - Elisabetta Facco, Press Officer

Italian Ministry of Economic Development – Oriana Perrone, Economic Division

WRAD Living - Matteo Ward - CEO and Co-founder

Manus Loci - Elisabetta Lattanzio Illy - CEO and Founder

17:00 to 17:30 The Way Forward

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) – Maria Teresa Pisani, Acting Chief Sustainable Trade and Outreach

The Netherlands – Frans van Diepen, National Service for Enterprises, Ministry of Economic Affairs, UN/CEFACT Domain Coordinator