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[Speakers Announced for @TextileExchange's Textile Sustainability Conference: Catalyzing the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)

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Industry thought leaders from around the globe will gather in Washington, D.C., Oct. 9-13, 2017 to create action and develop a 2030 roadmap for the textile industry.

Meet Apparel and Retail Industry Leaders at #TExTextileConf

Textile Exchange prepares to welcome over 400 leaders from the textile and apparel industry for its annual [Textile Sustainability Conference](#). The 2017 conference is a global event taking place in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 9-13 with a theme of ***United by Action: Catalyzing the Sustainable Development Goals in Textiles***. Textile Exchange is pleased to announce an initial list of speakers participating in this event to discuss current sustainability issues, including how to engage with the United Nations #SDGs and the #GlobalGoals.

On the brand and retail side, the conference will feature:

Ariane Grazian, Sr. Manager of General Merchandise Sustainability, Walmart
Helena Helmersson, Global Head of Production for H&M
Jeffrey Hogue, Chief Sustainability Officer, C&A
Caroline Reid, Project Manager Sustainable Development, IKEA

Textile Exchange is also honored to announce that **Justin Mundy**, Director of HRH The Prince of Wales International Sustainability Unit will join us for a special presentation on October 11, 2017 on Scaling the Use of Sustainable Cotton. He will be joined by representatives from the Sustainable Cotton Initiatives.

Leading Suppliers such as **Shreyaskar Chaudhary**, Managing Director, Pratibha Syntex Limited and **Jose Fernandez**, Global Merino will also be presenting.

Learn About Innovations and Stakeholder Initiatives Delivering on the #SDGs

Innovative ideas will be offered by:

Dr. Maurizio Crippa, CEO, gr3n
Karin Ekberg, CEO, Leadership & Sustainability
Tim Greiner, Co-founder and Managing Director, Pure Strategies, Inc.
Dr. Jung Ha-Brookshire, Assoc. Dean for Research & Graduate Studies of College of Human Environmental Sciences & Assoc. Prof. of Textile & Apparel Mgt, Univ. of Missouri
Karla Magruder, Founder & Textile Consultant, Fabrikology International
MeiLin Wan, Vice President Textiles, Applied DNA Sciences
Sophie Mather, Material Futurist, BIOV8TION
Maggie Kervick, Director of Communications & Outreach, GCNYC Fair Fashion Center

And, industry stakeholders will include:

Traci Kinden, Textile Program, Circular Economy
Alyson Genovese, GRI's Head of Corporate/Stakeholder Relations for North America
Dr. Timo Hammer, CEO, WKI Hohenstein Group
Yuka Iwatsuki, President/Co-founder, Action against Child Exploitation (ACE)
Andre Leu, President of IFOAM-Organics International
Patrick Mallet, Innovations Director of ISEAL Alliance
Ruth Matthews, Chief Policy Advisor, Water Footprint Network
Tien Shiao, Senior Associate, Pacific Institute

More About the Conference

A special Textile Exchange Member-Only Breakfast will feature **Andrew Winston**, a globally recognized expert on green business and author of Green Recovery and Green to Gold.

A current list of speakers is available on the [conference website](#) and will be updated as additional speakers are confirmed. Follow #TextileConf for updates on speakers joining us for the conference.

The Agenda structure offers two full conference days, and additional pre- and post-conference days dedicated to in-depth workshops. The series of workshops take the audience through multiple sessions of insight and information. Attendees will leave with actionable solutions they can immediately implement into their daily business. After attending Textile Exchange's 2016 conference, Nicole Bassett, Co-Founder, The Renewal Workshop said, "I always walk away from the Textile Exchange global conference with a deep understanding of the newest ideas, innovations and companies in sustainability in the textile industry. The conference gives the opportunity for great networking and developing business relationships."

Textile Exchange #CreatingMaterialChange for 15 Years!

In its 15th year of #CreatingMaterialChange, Textile Exchange will kick-off its annual conference with an anniversary celebration to honor its founding members who recognized the need for a leading collaborative organization to drive industry transformation. "Through their annual conference, Textile Exchange provides a much needed space for everyone to work together, because this type of collaboration and collective action is what will drive transformational change within apparel supply chains globally." - Scott Leonard, Founding Member of Textile Exchange and CEO of INDIGENOUS and a member of the C&A Foundation Investment Committee.

For more information about the conference and to register to attend, visit:
<http://textileexchange.org/2017-textile-sustainability-conference/>.

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About Textile Exchange: Textile Exchange, founded in 2002, is a global nonprofit organization that works closely with all sectors of the textile supply chain to find the best ways to create positive impacts on water, soil, air, animals, and the human population created by the textile industry. Textile Exchange accomplishes this by providing the knowledge and tools the industry needs to make significant improvements in three core areas: [Fiber and Materials](#), [Integrity and Standards](#), and [Supply Network](#). A truly global organization, Textile Exchange is headquartered in the U.S. with Staff and Ambassadors located around the world. To learn more about Textile Exchange, visit: www.TextileExchange.org and follow us on Twitter at @TextileExchange.

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