NOVEMBER ’23 - INDUSTRY WEBINAR


On 13 November at 14.00 ICT (8 am CET), Global Fashion Agenda (GFA) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) are hosting an interactive webinar to explore ‘Textile Waste Opportunities for Circular Textile, Garments and Footwear in Vietnam’.

Expert speakers will share insights on the multifaceted aspects of circular fashion, presenting the global outlook, and then deep-diving into the present situation in Vietnam with the latest figures on post-industrial textile waste flows, available recycling technologies, and potential solutions for establishing the necessary infrastructure and ecosystems for circular processes that can benefit all actors. Discussion topics include collective action, textile waste segregation and traceability, and increasing domestic textile-to-textile recycling capacity.

Through the event, GFA & GIZ aim to raise awareness, stimulate discourse, and capture insights on criteria for effective circular commercial collaborations in Vietnam. Furthermore, interest will be gauged from brands, manufacturers, and recyclers to participate in planned projects.

Date: Monday, November 13, 2023
Time: 14.00 - 16.00 hrs (ICT)
Webinar format: Zoom, with audience interaction via live polls and “chat” function
Register: [link]
Primary audiences: Brands producing in Vietnam, manufacturers in Vietnam, textile recyclers, textile waste management companies, sorters/collectors

Draft* Agenda:

Introduction [10 mins]
Welcome & Opening Address
Holly Syrett, Impact Programmes & Sustainability Director GFA & Saskia Anders, Team Lead Vietnam - Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS) and FABRIC at GIZ Vietnam

Presentations “Setting the Scene” [20 mins]
The Global Outlook & Increasing Demand for Circular Textiles
Holly Syrett, Impact Programmes & Sustainability Director GFA & Shamiul Hoque, Impact Programme Manager at GFA

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The Apparel & Footwear Manufacturing and Recycling Landscape in Vietnam
Saskia Anders, Team Lead Vietnam - Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS) and FABRIC at GIZ Vietnam

Presentations “Ambitions & Solutions” [20 mins]
Establishing Commitment for Collective Action to Advance Local Textile Recycling Capacities in Vietnam
Phan Thi Quynh Chi, Senior Project Officer at FABRIC Asia (GIZ)

Panel discussion - How can effective Circular Commercial Collaborations be established in Vietnam to capture the potential of Post-Industrial Textile Waste Recycling [60 mins incl. Q&A]
Panelists: Anastacia Howe, Sustainability Manager Vietnam & Environmental Prog. Manager Cambodia & Myanmar at H&M Group
Ana Rodes, Head of Sustainability at RECOVER
James Phillips, Partner at Gherzi
Do Thi Thuy Houng, Sustainability Team Leader at Maxport Limited Vietnam
Moderator: Shamiul Hoque, Impact Programme Manager at GFA

Closing remarks [10 min]
Collective action and next steps
Holly Syrett, Impact Programmes & Sustainability Director GFA & Saskia Anders, Team Lead Vietnam - Initiative for Global Solidarity (IGS) and FABRIC at GIZ Vietnam

* The agenda will be finalized and shared with participants ahead of the meeting