



Circular Fashion Partnership

Cambodia

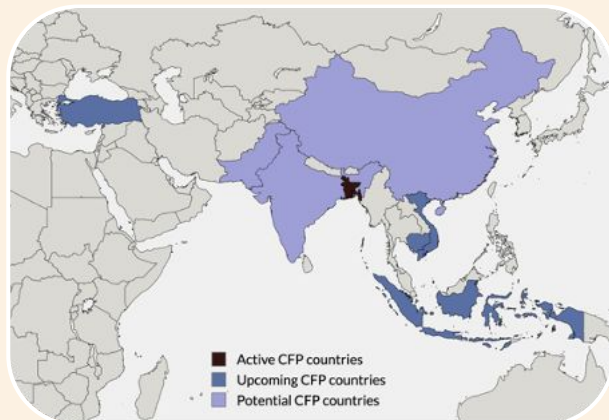
Are you a textile and apparel (T&A) manufacturer in Cambodia interested in implementing Textile Waste Management Systems for waste reduction and improved handling? Would you like to learn about the segregation, accurate monitoring, tracing and handling of textile waste, further usage to more preferred disposal methods (such as recycling) and to gain higher value from your textile waste?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we invite you to join the Circular Fashion Partnership in Cambodia that will commence in Q4 2024, bringing together a diverse range of local and international stakeholders of the textile industry to jointly build circular supply chains for closing the loop on material cycles. Our programme and resources can assist you in implementing better textile waste management practices and exploring circular economy solutions for your business. Let's work together to create a more circular and environmentally conscious future.



Overview of the Circular Fashion Partnership

The Circular Fashion Partnership is a cross-sectoral initiative to support the development of effective circular fashion systems in textile garment and footwear manufacturing regions by capturing and recycling post-industrial textile waste. Realised by Global Fashion Agenda in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, implementation partners Closed Loop Fashion, Reverse Resources, and Circle Economy and with support from the H&M Foundation, the partnership seeks solutions to maintain the highest possible value output, following a waste hierarchy approach. It ultimately aims to accelerate textile-to-textile recycling to reintroduce textile 'waste' materials back into fashion products.



Currently at scale in Bangladesh, initiated in Indonesia and soon to commence in Cambodia and Vietnam, the partnership demonstrates shared responsibility by facilitating circular commercial collaborations between manufacturers, recyclers and fashion brands.

A successful business case will demonstrate a decrease in textile waste and increase of recycled fibres, distributing value throughout the value chain and generating economic benefits in manufacturing regions. Furthermore, the partnership engages enabling actors to identify and address barriers for scale, such as supportive policy and investment.

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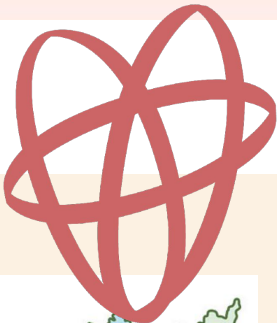
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Cambodia Landscape

Cambodia's apparel manufacturing industry has emerged as a cornerstone of the nation's economy, accounting for over 50% of total exports and employing more than 925,000 individuals across over 1608 factories. Despite challenges such as high energy costs and competitive wages, the industry has maintained robust growth, with exports surpassing \$13 billion in 2024. The strategic placement of the industry in a rapidly developing consumer market and supportive initiatives like the International Finance Corporation's Cambodia Improvement Program (CIP) highlight its potential for sustained growth. With projections indicating that the export value could reach \$19.9 billion by 2032, the establishment of a Circular Fashion Partnership (CFP) in Cambodia represents a promising opportunity to further enhance the sustainability and global competitiveness of this burgeoning sector.



The Textile Waste Pilot in Cambodia led by GIZ and GFA successfully ended in Q3 2024, diverting 3,000 tons of textile waste from landfill to recycling. Further findings can be found in the [Sustainability Recommendations Paper](#).

Impact of the Circular Fashion Partnership in Bangladesh

- Over 80 factories in Bangladesh were trained by Reverse Resources to establish textile waste segregation within their facilities and digitally trace these material flows to recycling solutions.
- The Reverse Resources platform was then utilised to enable the trace of this waste and 21000+ tonnes of waste has been segregated to date in Bangladesh. Notably, approximately 48% of this waste has been traced to high-end recycling companies, saving an estimated 113450 Tonnes of Co2e. (Based on Cyclo LCA)
- 20 global brands and 1 buying agency committed to sourcing recycled fibres and yarns made from waste in Bangladesh.
- 5 large manufacturers confirmed incorporating textile recycling in their portfolio and 17 recyclers participated of which several are looking into establishing closed loop systems or recycling plants in Bangladesh.



Join the Circular Fashion Partnerships in Cambodia

CAMBODIA CIRCULAR FASHION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT ACTIVITIES 2025-2026

The Circular Fashion Partnership Cambodia commences in Q4 2024 to establish a circular textile system in Cambodia by:

- Establishing Textile Waste Management Systems for post-industrial textile waste at manufacturing facilities, supporting waste segregation and digital traceability.
- Assessing the Textile Waste Recycling potential in Cambodia, including a mapping of local and neighbouring countries textile-to-textile recyclers with a focus on polyester and nylon.
- Aligning waste management with social and environmental compliance, establish operations compliant with forthcoming legislations, and establish processes to meet chemical requirements of recyclers.
- Scaling current Social and Environmental Compliance training for domestic waste handlers and recyclers. Implement Training, establish Corrective Action Plans and support actors in achieving compliance.
- Mobilising industry stakeholders and anchoring know-how and industry collaborations by mobilising commitment for recycled material uptake, engaging industry peers for knowledge exchange, providing educational and awareness programmes, and engaging the broader industry on the Cambodian case study, moreover at the Global Fashion Summit.
- Influencing a conducive environment for circularity by engaging with national (policy) stakeholders, mapping informal actors, and identifying regulatory gaps and opportunities for reform.





Improve your textile waste management & increase recycling capability	
Training & guidelines	<p>Receive in person training within your facility for reporting, and guidelines by our project implementation partners, Closed Loop Fashion, Reverse Resources, and Circle Economy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training on textile waste management, handling and segregation• Upon request: Inclusion of Reverse Resources traceability platform• Train the Trainer programme: Drive and Scale Circular Textile Systems in Cambodia• Access to a tailored, gamified awareness building tool: Circularity Games Cambodia• Integration of Textile Waste Management Training into CGTI/TAFTAC “Model Green Factory Programme”
Increase compliance to Traceability and improve Higg FEM score for waste management	<p>Enjoy free access to the Reverse Resources SaaS platform for textile waste management and real-time traceability reports for internal use, enabling you to record and trace your waste to recycling solutions efficiently, improve your Higg FEM score for waste management and increase earnings through selling high-quality sorted textile “waste” to recyclers, and compliance to regulations. The Reverse Resources platform also provides access to large recyclers and waste handlers’ databases.</p> <p>Receive detailed quarterly traceability reports from Reverse Resources, which offer valuable data insights on the project’s progress and impact.</p>
Waste-to-Recycling Matchmaking	<p>Receive Waste-to-Recycling Matchmaking and support for establishing Circular Commercial Collaborations to enhance efficient and scalable waste handling supply chains, can find optimal recycling destinations.</p>
Contribute to a conducive environment for circularity & build capacity	
Prepare for upcoming legislations	<p>Gain insights into sustainable textile waste management, textile recycling requirements of forthcoming legislation in moreover, the EU, and how to collaborate across your supply chain for compliance and to support the emerging recycling sector.</p>
Engagement with national policy stakeholders	<p>Additionally, the Circular Fashion Partnership in Cambodia aims to contribute to a conducive environment by engaging with national policy stakeholders, contributing to a multi-stakeholder environment on circular textiles, identifying regulatory gaps and opportunities for reform.</p>
Engage with your peers & communicate your journey	
Cross-sectoral engagement	<p>Share learnings from your journey and explore further collaborative actions through one to two annual cross-sectoral meetings with brands and recyclers.</p>
Round tables and focus topic seminars	<p>Participate in Global Fashion Agenda Circular Fashion Partnership round tables and focus topic seminars on textile waste management.</p>
Customized communications package	<p>Receive a customised communications package, featuring social media mentions, and newsletter features tailored to highlight your involvement in the Circular Fashion Partnership.</p>
Impact of the circular fashion partnership in Cambodia	
Impact on Recycling Landscape	Participation of 40+ factories trained in textile waste management, of which 50% have improved Higg FEM scores
	Participation of 5-10 brands with commitments to recycled materials
	Inclusion of waste management trainings into existing CGTI’s Green Model Factory Programme
	Matchmaking of waste feedstock with best textile-to-textile recycling use-cases
	9,000 tons of textile waste to be properly managed for reutilization, of which 40 % recycled into new textiles
Impact on Textile Industry Ecosystem Change	Research and development of a pre-feasibility study on polyester & nylon recycling business case with domestic and neighbouring countries
	Identification of regulatory and legislative roadblocks in relation to Circular Fashion Partnership objectives
	Development and implementation of a strategy for a conducive policy environment

CONTACT

To learn more about participation in the **Circular Fashion Partnership in Cambodia**, and/or the online event discussing CFP’s in multiple countries, please contact us at cfp@globalfashionagenda.org