

Sustainable Apparel and Textiles Conference

Amsterdam | 29-30 April 2026

From isolated action to scaled solutions: How we can build an industry ecosystem that delivers tangible impact for business, society, and the environment.



GOVERNANCE AND REGULATION

NET-ZERO COLLABORATION

WORKER WELFARE

DATA AND TRACEABILITY

MARKET TRANSFORMATION AND CIRCULARITY

This two-day business conference convenes forward-thinking leaders in apparel and textiles who recognise that individual progress isn't delivering impact fast enough. We'll bring together stakeholders for candid discussions on barriers to transformation, the conditions for genuine pre-competitive collaboration, and actionable strategies to scale proven solutions. Progress won't come from perfection, but from participation.

Key themes



GOVERNANCE AND REGULATION

Learn what drives C-suite priorities and how effective leadership can overcome short-termism. We'll examine where regulation fits into this, where compliance will be required and how to leverage opportunities of these pressures for industry-wide change.



NET-ZERO COLLABORATION

Hear examples of tangible collaborative decarbonisation strategies including low-impact materials, nature-based solutions, joint investment strategies, and shared infrastructure that will accelerate progress.



WORKER WELFARE

Consider the full spectrum of workers, from factories to farms, and the waste pickers powering the circular transition. Discuss the next steps required to normalise living wages and scale social sustainability initiatives that respond to climate and labour risks.



DATA AND TRACEABILITY

Move beyond data for compliance alone. Critically engage with how reporting and traceability can drive real impact - building the systems and capabilities needed for genuine improvements deep into the supply chain and consumer engagement.



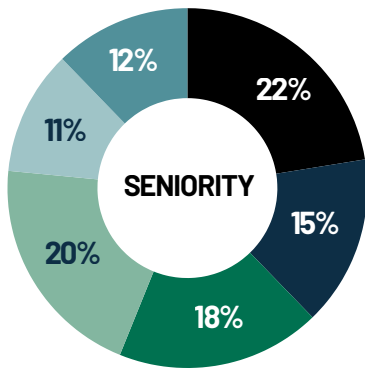
MARKET TRANSFORMATION AND CIRCULARITY

What does true circularity really mean, and can it deliver net zero in a system still built on linearity? Gain practical insights into the commercial viability of alternative business models, uncover evidence-based strategies for shifting consumer behaviour, and identify the barriers and opportunities for scaling T2T recycled materials beyond niche markets.

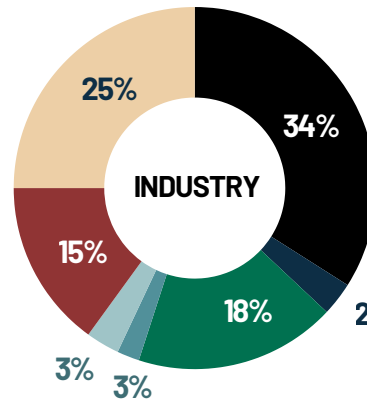
2026 Agenda highlights

- **Balancing quarterly results and long-term survival:** How to make the case for climate action to the board
- **Equitable partnerships:** Fair purchasing practises to unlock supplier-brand collaboration
- **Clean heat:** Who's funding the necessary investments to deliver net-zero
- **Industry transformation:** Where are the workers' rights and protections in a 1.5°C+ world
- **From premium to parity:** Can recycled polyester become an economically viable alternative?
- **Is resilience the business case for regen:** A critical look at the claims, numbers and ROI on regen cotton
- **Breaking down legislation:** What are DPPs actually valuable for?
- **The consumption cyclone:** Will circularity ever fix overproduction?
- **Regulatory deep-dive:** What's next for the ESPR and the Circular Economy Action Plan
- **Product team perspective:** How do we design for durability and recyclability, not retrofit them later?
- **Alternative business models:** Can we decouple profit and production through resale?
- **Diverting from landfill:** What key barriers do we need to overcome to realise T2T recycling?
- **A just transition:** How to centre waste pickers, not just waste, in the circular economy
- **Emotional durability:** Why consumers neglect the clothes they own - and how psychology can help

2025 Audience breakdown



- Senior management
- Director
- C-suite/VP/Founder
- Head of/Lead
- Advisor/Specialist
- Other



- Corporate/Apparel brands
- Academia
- NGO
- Policy
- Finance
- Manufacturer
- Supply chain partner

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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Connect with senior manager and C-suite level industry professionals with **over seven hours** of designated networking during the event.

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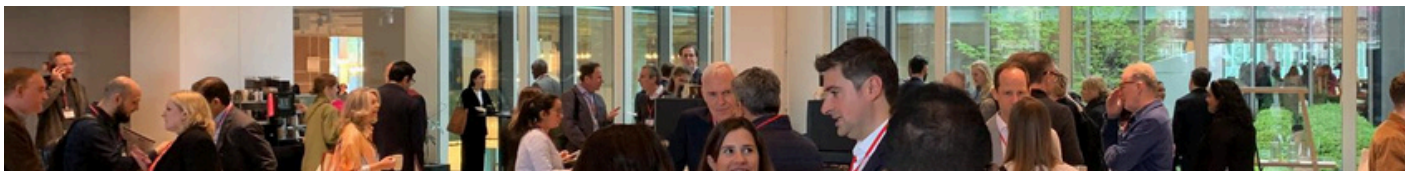
Networking drinks **60+ min.**

DAY 01

Registration / breakfast **60 min.**
 Morning break **30 min.**
 Lunchtime **60 min.**
 Afternoon break **30 min.**
 Networking drinks **60+ min.**

DAY 02

Registration / breakfast **60 min.**
 Morning break **30 min.**
 Lunchtime **60 min.**



REGISTER AND NETWORK WITH KEY INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

2026 Speakers



Lynne Walker
Primark
Director of primark cares



Matjaž Malgaj
European Commission - DG
Environment
Head of unit - coordinator of
sustainable products initiative



Anna-Karin Dahlberg
Lindex
Chief sustainability officer



Lena Peleikis
Otto Group
Head of human rights and
responsible supply chain



Anders Schorling Overgård
BESTSELLER
Innovative materials research lead



Nick Allen
Patagonia
Director of transparency



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Asket
Co-founder and CEO



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EILEEN FISHER
Director of circular design



Logan Duran
Tapestry
Global head of ESG and sustainability



Andrés Fernández
MANGO
Head of sustainability and sourcing



Laura Coppen
H&M Group
Sustainable investment lead



[Click here for the full list of speakers](#)

What's different about this forum?

INNOVATION FORUM IS:

- ✓ **Candid:** Entirely off-the-record discussion that enables open and honest disclosure from speakers and genuine participation from the audience
- ✓ **Practical:** A clear focus on the practical and actionable guidance that can drive change throughout industries and supply chains
- ✓ **Focused:** We provide enough time, resources and expertise to the issues that really matter. We don't skate the surface, but get to the crux of the issues to provide in-depth, constructive discussion

INNOVATION FORUM IS **NOT**:

- ✗ **A PR platform:** Enthusiastic speakers are NOT given free rein to fill a session presenting their companies, allowing no time to actually get to the crux of the issues
- ✗ **A talking shop:** This is NOT an opportunity for a group of people in a room to simply agree with everything said, regardless of outcomes
- ✗ **All promise, no delivery:** We will NOT promise what we can't deliver. The issues covered are complex. They won't be solved at a two-day conference. But we will help deliver progress through in-depth, constructive and practical advice around specific issues



Testimonials from 2025

"The event was an energetic and innovative think tank, with sustainability leaders from all sizes of business... definitely one to keep on your calendar for 2026 if you weren't able to join us this year!"

"I always love the Innovation Forum events because I feel like we can really go deep dives on the issues."

"When you commit time and budget to attend a sustainability conference, you want more than inspiration—you want ROI. This event delivers.....it's where conversations turn into collaboration."

"The slightly smaller venue, compared to larger conferences, created a more focused atmosphere with curated content that sparked meaningful insights and great networking."

"Super refreshing to be in a space where real conversations around sustainability and innovation in textiles are actually happening. Great energy, great people – already looking forward to the next one!"

Jodie Leek
ASOS

ASOS

Christine Goulay
Sustainabelle Advisory Services



Marwa Zamaray
TextileGenesis



Lina Odeen
Eton Shirts



Raghav Agarwal
Salona Group



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Registration details for 2026

EARLY BIRDS				FULL PRICE
Save upto €600 <i>Offer ends 5th Dec</i>	Save upto €500 <i>Offer ends 6th Feb</i>	Save upto €400 <i>Offer ends 6th March</i>	Save upto €200 <i>Offer ends 3rd April</i>	<i>After 3rd April</i>
NGO/Academic pass €895	NGO/Academic pass €995	NGO/Academic pass €1,095	NGO/Academic pass €1,195	NGO/Academic pass €1,395
Corporate pass €995	Corporate pass €1,095	Corporate pass €1,195	Corporate pass €1,395	Corporate pass €1,595
Service provider pass €1,695	Service provider pass €1,895	Service provider pass €1,995	Service provider pass €2,095	Service provider pass €2,195

[REGISTER HERE](#)

We're also trialing a limited number of early innovator passes at discounted rates to enable participation from industry change-makers, please fill out [this survey](#) to register your interest by November 28th.

VENUE

Hotel Casa

Eerste Ringdijkstraat 4
Amsterdam
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Opportunities for 2026

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Our network



**Newsletter/
database**

30,000+

sustainability
professionals



**Twitter
accounts**

10,000+

followers



Webinars

700-1200+

regular sign-ups



**Website
audience**

110,000+

annual users



**LinkedIn
channels**

20,000+

sustainability
professionals



**Podcast
channel**

8,000+

monthly
downloads



Promote a discussion that aligns with your values, sustainability credentials and leadership position



Engage a highly relevant audience of stakeholders around your sustainability programmes and initiatives



Boost awareness of your programmes through extensive exposure in the months around the conference



Support and drive progress in supply chain innovation, the circular transition and traceability standards to ensure alignment on the road to net zero

INNOVATION ZONE

The forum will showcase the leading innovations and solutions that assist business in creating sustainable textile and apparel supply chains. These solutions will be positioned in the very heart of the networking area. Exhibitors will make the most of prominent exposure over 6+ hours of dedicated networking time, creating long lasting connections with 350+ decision makers all pre-qualified with specific sustainability challenges in your field.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Around the forum, we'll be continuing the conversation through sponsored workshops, roundtables and webinars. Created bespoke, these discussions are designed to strengthen dialogue and build relationships with key stakeholders. These engagement opportunities allow business to utilise IF's reputation and network to ensure key insights into policies, programs and initiatives.

[Click here for more information >>>](#)

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