



Sustainable Apparel and Textiles Conference USA 2026

New York City | June 3-4

Reclaiming sustainability and redefining good business: How to reframe sustainability as opportunity, innovation and competitive edge



LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE • DECARBONISATION AS INNOVATION
JUST TRANSITION • TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY • CIRCULARITY, MARKET REDESIGN, IMPACT

Join 230+ leaders changing the apparel industry – brands, retailers, suppliers, innovators, policymakers and more – for two days of practical insights and engaging discussion on how sustainability can drive long-term, strategic business value. Learn how to build resilient supply chains, accelerate climate action, scale circular practices, and embed sustainability deep into the business.

Key themes



LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

What does strong leadership look like in a volatile landscape? Explore how C-suite alignment, stakeholder engagement, and internal culture-building can turn sustainability from a moral value-add into a long-term core business strategy.



DECARBONISATION AS INNOVATION

Where can supply chains unlock the biggest gains toward net zero? Discover how collaboration, low-impact materials, shared investments, and collective infrastructure can transform decarbonisation into a source of innovation and growth.



A JUST TRANSITION

Whose perspectives are missing from climate strategy? From farmers to factory workers and waste pickers, discuss how partnerships across the value chain can ensure equity, support business continuity and stakeholder trust in the transition.



TRACEABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Regulation may spark data disclosure, but leadership lies in going further. Examine how traceability, credible reporting, and open communication can build trust, strengthen partnerships, and demonstrate genuine progress.



CIRCULARITY, MARKET REDESIGN AND IMPACT

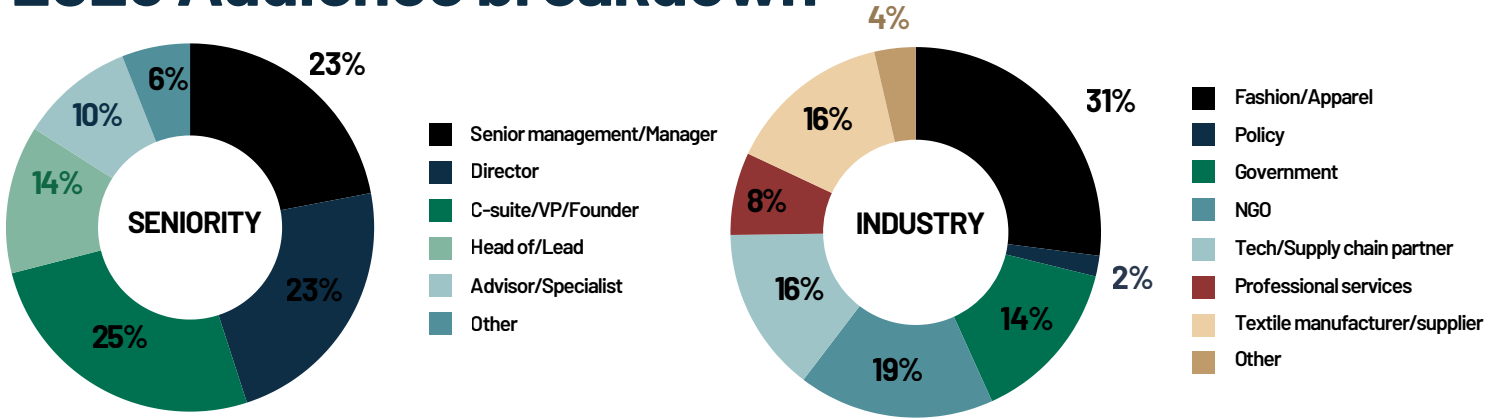
What does a truly circular textiles industry look like in practice? Assess how new business models, evolving consumer behaviour, and scaled use of textile-to-textile recycling can move the sector from pilot projects to real systemic change.

2026 Agenda highlights

- **Showing up in the short-term:** What is our responsibility as individuals and corporations amid global turmoil?
- **Climate accountability for 2050:** How to navigate short-term uncertainty to achieve decarbonisation.
- **Due diligence fatigue:** Are we overcomplicating worker protection?
- **EU's ESPR:** Can circular design requirements eliminate waste from supply chains and cut costs?
- **Heat stress:** How can we integrate worker voices, particularly women's, into climate action?
- **T2T targets:** Would a fully recycled closed textiles loop truly benefit the industry?
- **Next-gen materials:** How can we pool demand and overcome anti-competition barriers to unlock innovation
- **Securing board room buy-in:** How can we present the business case to c-suite without selling sustainability short?
- **Overproduction:** Where's the incentive (and solution) to slow the system down?
- **Shared risk, shared resilience:** What do genuine supplier-brand partnerships look like amid tariff uncertainty?
- **Traceability and transparency:** How much data do we really need to collect, and are we overcomplicating it?
- **DPPs:** How to turn compliance into competitive advantage?
- **Circular habits, linear results:** Do any circular business models provide a viable alternative to the linear system?
- **EPR readiness:** How might eco-modulation shift the way we approach design, responsibility and unlock opportunities

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2025 Audience breakdown



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2026 KNOWLEDGE COLLABORATOR



2026 MARKETING PARTNERS



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

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

DAY 01

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

DAY 02

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



REGISTER AND NETWORK WITH KEY INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

2026 Speakers



Michelle Tarry
American Eagle Outfitters
Vice president - corporate responsibility



Alejandro Castillo Nolte
Nettcalco
Chief sustainability officer



Annie Agle
Cotopaxi
Vice president of impact and sustainability



Sarah Moore
Victoria Secret & Co
Associate vice president - ESG



Randi Marshall
H&M Group
Head of Sustainability and Public Affairs, H&M Americas



Katie O'Hare
J.Crew
Vice president, sustainability



Michelle Martin
CalRecycle
Deputy director, division of the circular economy



Adolfo Lopez del Castillo
Lacoste
Senior director - quality, compliance, sustainability & footwear operations



Jennifer Gootman
Tory Burch
Global head of sustainability & ESG strategy



Jason Judd
Global Labor Institute, Cornell University ILR School
Executive Director



Jimmy Summers
Elevate Textiles
Vice president, EHS and sustainability



Tara Gilson
Veja
CEO, North America



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Global head of ESG and sustainability



Andrés Fernández
MANGO
Head of sustainability and sourcing



Laura Coppen
H&M Group
Sustainable investment lead



For a 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

Live from the conference



2025 Testimonials

As a sustainability leader navigating fast-moving regulation and shifting consumer expectations, this conference was invaluable....I left with actionable insights, new industry connections, and a clearer sense of where to focus next.

"The perfect balance of size and focus, gathering the entire ecosystem for meaningful discussions. I left inspired with valuable insights, fresh ideas, and new opportunities"

"The conference created a rare space for candid dialogue and meaningful collaboration..... I left inspired by both the solutions being developed and the energy in the room. "

"The conversations had real depth, showcasing examples that helped materialize the subject matter. Overall, I went back to work with a boost of inspiration"

"One of the most valuable industry events I've attended. It brought together an exceptional community of people committed to driving meaningful change, and we made some truly exciting connections."

Hannah Sherman
Rothy's



Tricia Carey
Avalo Inc.



Ajay Chadha
REI

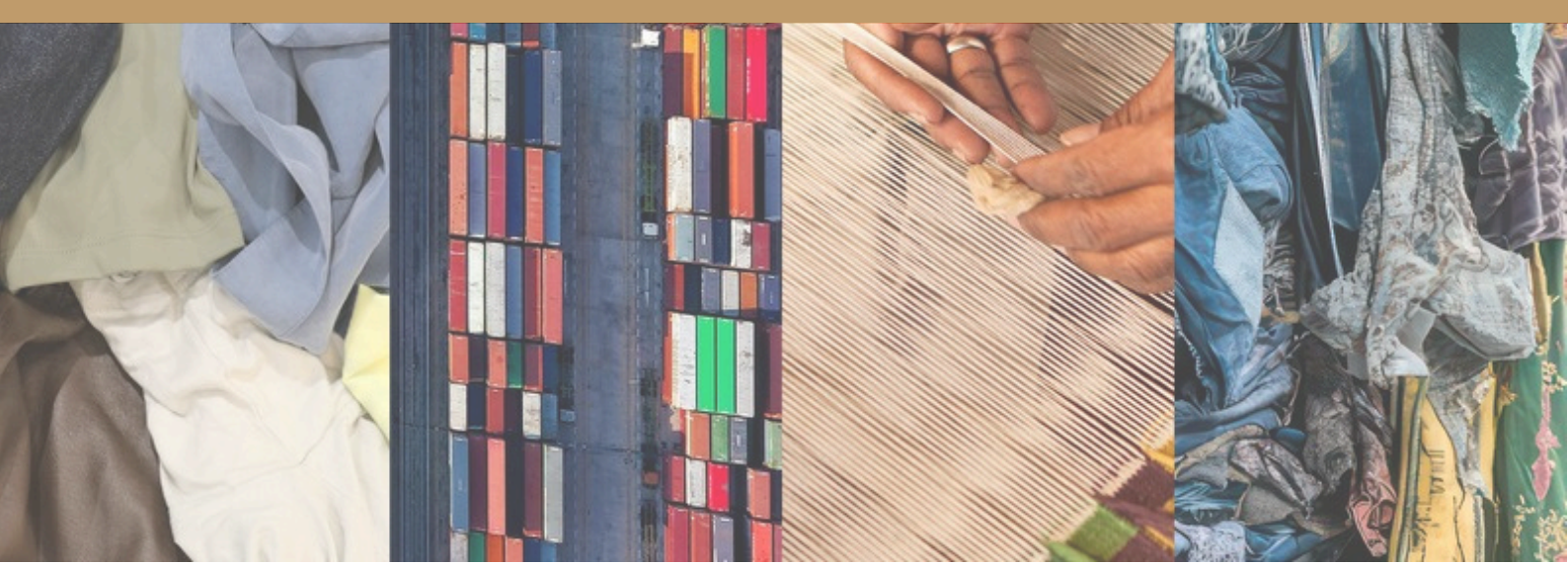


Rachel Molina
Another Tomorrow



Ruth Álvarez-DeGolia
Mercado Global





Registration details for 2026



New York City

June 3-4 2026

EARLY BIRDS

FULL PRICE

1st discount deadline

Offer ends 19th Dec

2nd discount deadline

Offer ends 13th Feb

3rd discount deadline

Offer ends 10th Apr

Final discount deadline

Offer ends 15th May

After 15th May

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Corporate pass \$1,100	Corporate pass \$1,150	Corporate pass \$1,300	Corporate pass \$1,550	Corporate pass \$1,800
3-for-2 Corporate pass \$2,200	3-for-2 Corporate pass \$2,300	3-for-2 Corporate pass \$2,600	3-for-2 Corporate pass \$3,100	Corporate pass \$3,600
Service provider pass \$1,900	Service provider pass \$2,000	Service provider pass \$2,200	Service provider pass \$2,400	Service provider pass \$2,500

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Opportunities for 2026

This two-day business conference will focus on practical strategies that apparel and textile leaders can implement to adapt their operations, enhance collaboration, and create a lasting impact. We'll highlight successful company practices and assess how effective competition navigation, consumer trust-building, and the pursuit of meaningful environmental and social outcomes can drive results

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

EXHIBITION AND SOLUTION ZONE

The forum will showcase the leading innovations and solutions that assist business in creating sustainable agricultural and commodity 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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