



**Textile
Exchange
Conference**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

**October
28–31 2024**

**Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, California**

TUESDAY
OCT 29

Day 1: *Tools and Systems for Action*



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What Does “Resilience” Really Mean?

Start the week with an impactful vision of what resilience looks like in a changing climate, for companies, individuals, and the collective.

BREAK

Coffee and networking

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BREAKOUT
SESSIONS

1A. Preferred Material Production Systems in Practice

Understand what “preferred” means in different contexts, how to identify production systems that meet your priorities, and ways to monitor outcomes.

1B. The Role and Realities of Material Sustainability Standards

Analyze the uses and limitations of sustainability standards today, where to start with certification, and what additional actions should be taken.

1C. Understanding the Legislation Landscape

Get up to date with key legislative changes that are set to impact the fashion, textile, and apparel industry, and discuss how to start preparing.

1D. Gathering and Using Impact Data on the Ground

Gain ideas around how to work with farmers and material producers to collect impact data on the ground, focusing on gathering data equitably and using it correctly.

LUNCH

Spotlight interviews with designers, farmers, and thought leaders, and technical drop-in sessions

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2A. Building Resilient Agricultural Systems for Material Production

Hear from farmers and producers who have successfully made their operations more resilient, and what this looks like in different contexts.

2B. The Demand/Supply Paradigm for Preferred Materials

Find out how to make commitments that help drive demand and increase the supply of materials with improved environmental and social outcomes.

2C. Getting Organizational Buy-in for Sustainability Initiatives

Break down successful examples where company-wide buy-in for climate and nature initiatives has been built from the inside, both at the employee level and from the top down.

2D. Coming soon

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All You Need to Know About Textile Exchange’s Standards Transition

Find out everything you need to know about Textile Exchange’s ongoing work to transition its existing standards into a unified, more outcome-focused system.

WEDNESDAY
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Day 2: *The Economics of Solution Building*



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From Risk to Opportunity: The Business Case for Climate Action

Hear expert analysis on why lowering risk and building long-term resilience is essential for any business, and why sustainability shouldn't be seen as a silo.

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3A. Financial Mechanisms to Support Material Producers

Come together with farmers and material production organizations to understand how finances can effectively be funnelled to those on the ground – and why sharing financial risk is essential.

3B. Leveraging AI to Improve Supply System Visibility

Build a better understanding of how artificial intelligence can be – and is already being – used by the fashion, textile, and apparel industry to better manage supply systems and fill data gaps.

3C. Creating Value with Existing Resources

Start thinking about how business value can be successfully created outside of the extraction of new virgin resources, and the practicalities of circular models – from resale to recycling.

3D. Practical Preparation for Textile Exchange's Standards Transition

Take part in a workshop to prepare for the upcoming changes to Textile Exchange's standards, and the necessary preparations for brands, suppliers, and material producers.

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4A. Coming soon

4B. Addressing the Upfront Cost of Climate Action

Explore the different economic models that currently exist to fund sustainability efforts, looking at the benefits and limitations of these systems.

4C. What Does "Net Positive" Mean for Nature?

Understand what beneficial impact means for biodiversity and how to measure it, learning from those who have done it successfully.

4D. Coming soon

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Reframing the Sustainability Narrative

Swap overwhelm for inspiration with a solution-orientated narrative around sustainability, concretizing the notion that change is achievable and there are already examples to learn from.

THURSDAY
OCT 31

Day 3: *From Responsible to Resilient Sourcing*



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What Does Equitable Partnership Look Like in Practice?

Discover the fundamentals of true supply system partnership and how to establish equitable, lasting relationships in which risks and rewards are shared fairly between parties.

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5A. Building Better Logistics for Textile-to-Textile Recycling

Problem solve around the challenges of getting usable textile waste into the hands of recyclers and how to measure the impact of recycling logistics.

5B. The Intersection of Legislation and Certification

Gain clarity on how standard schemes can help meet the requirements of incoming legislation, the changes to these systems underway, and the need for proactive due diligence.

5C. Coming soon

5D. The Social Side of Sustainable Agriculture

Dig into farm-level partnership projects that have achieved beneficial outcomes for people as well as the planet, and what successful social regeneration looks like in different contexts.

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6A. Key Biodiversity and Business Updates from COP16

Catch up on the key takeaways from COP16 as it wraps up in Cali, Colombia, breaking down relevant updates at the intersection of business and biodiversity.

6B. Textile Waste From Micro to Macro

From the microfiber to landfill level, hear from those who are working to tackle the issues caused by excessive textile waste.

6C. Policy: Practicalities and Potential

Discuss the practical realities of preparing for incoming regulation and assuring compliance, as well as exploring how policy has helped drive progress in diverse contexts.

6D. Coming soon

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Making the Case for Change: Takeaways from the Week

Join us to bring together the learnings from the week into a concise mandate for urgent climate action from fashion, textile, and apparel businesses, and the key next steps to take to ensure a resilient industry for years to come.