



_ SUSTAINABLE _ APPAREL FORUM

4th Edition

16th March 2023

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Dhaka Water Garden**

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– Promoting the sustainability agenda within textile and apparel supply chain.



Foreword



The Sustainable Apparel Forum (SAF) aims to enable Bangladesh to progress as a responsible sourcing destination on the global map by accelerating the momentum of sustainability within the industry through innovation, technology, education, awareness & reduction of the knowledge gap.

The SAF offers a knowledge gateway and networking platform, specifically for the apparel & textile entrepreneurs allowing discussion around the issues relating to sustainability. The forum aims to present with international reputation in an environment that allows fresh perspectives on sustainability & innovation to be discussed. The first edition of the SAF event was held on 17th May 2017.

The event served as a platform for sustainable technology development partners, material innovation companies, green solution providers and other stakeholders to meet and understand the requirements of green manufacturing. The event also proved to benefit a large number of policy makers from national and international organizations helping them define the nature of best sustainable and green manufacturing practices.

With the ever-growing climate crisis and urgency to ensure sustainability within the apparel industry, we are going to organize the fourth edition of the Sustainable Apparel Forum on 16th March 2023. It is our desire and expectation that this initiative will benefit both the Bangladesh and the global apparel industry and help galvanize the continued adoption of more sustainable & innovative business practices.



Founder's Message



In the global garment market, sustainability has become a critical component of corporate operations, enabling businesses to establish a long-lasting presence. Bangladesh has taken steps towards sustainable manufacturing, taking into consideration the needs of the environment and the current landscape.

To bring together like-minded stakeholders with a strong desire to advance the sector sustainably, the Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE) hosted the inaugural Sustainable Apparel Forum (SAF) on May 17, 2017. We were delighted with the enthusiastic response from attendees, particularly presenters, business owners, and professionals, which confirmed the significance of sustainable manufacturing.

We share the SAF's goals of promoting a thriving, sustainable apparel and textile industry that drives our economy forward consistently. We are committed to achieving these objectives and look forward to seeing you all at the fourth edition on March 16, 2023 where fresh perspectives and knowledge sharing will support the industry's progress towards sustainability.

We express our gratitude for your continued support and extend our best wishes.

Mostafiz Uddin
Founder & CEO
Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE)



SAF 2023 AT A Glance



650+

Delegates

50+

World Class
Speakers

11+

Green Growth
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20+

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50+

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Agenda



Session	Time	Topic
Registration	09:30 AM - 09:55 AM	
Opening Plenary	10:00 AM - 10:40 AM	
Plenary Session 01	10:50 AM - 11:35 AM	Climate Action - A Prerequisite to Worker Well-Being and The Sustainability of The Fashion Industry
Presentation 01	11:40 AM - 11:45 AM	"Bestseller's Environment Focus in Bangladesh" By Felicity Tapsell, Head of Responsible Sourcing, Bestseller A/S
Presentation 02	11:45 AM - 11:50 AM	"Accelerating Climate Action in Fashion" By Lewis Perkins, President, Apparel Impact Institute
Snacks & Coffee Break	11:55 AM - 12:10 PM	
Plenary Session 02	12:15 PM - 01:00 PM	Circular Economy in Bangladesh's Apparel & Textile Industry: Closing The Loop
Presentation 03	01:05 PM - 01:15 PM	"How SAC Is Mobilising Collective Action on Decarbonization?" By Joyce Tsoi, Director, Collective Action Programs, Sustainable Apparel Coalition
Presentation 04	01:15 PM - 01:20 PM	"Higher Ground? Fashion's Climate Breakdown and Apparel Production in Asia" By Jason Judd, Executive Director, Cornell University Global Labor Institute in New York
Lunch Break	01:25 PM - 02:10 PM	
Presentation 05	02:15 PM - 02:25 PM	"Boosting Business: Why Investing in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Pays Off - A Case from Bangladesh" By Hasin Jahan, Country Director, WaterAid Bangladesh
Plenary Session 03	02:30 PM - 03:15 PM	Renewable Energy through Green Funding: Pathway to Net Zero for Apparel & Textile Industry in Bangladesh
Breakout Session Roundtable Discussion	02:30 PM - 03:15 PM	The Road Towards Circular Fashion In Bangladesh
Presentation 06	03:25 PM - 03:35 PM	"Advancing Decent Work in Bangladesh: Human Right Due Diligence" By Syed Fazle Niaz, Team Lead, Better Work Bangladesh, ILO
Plenary Session 04	03:40 PM - 04:25 PM	Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence
Snacks & Coffee Break	04:35 PM - 04:50 PM	
Presentation 07	04:55 PM - 05:00 PM	"Increasing Supply Chain Resilience: Why Social Audit Convergence Is Needed More than Ever" By Janet Mensink, Executive Director, SLCP
Presentation 08	05:05 PM - 05:10 PM	"YKK's Sustainability Vision - YKK's Action Plan for A Sustainable Future" By Asako Yoshioka, Vice President, Sustainability Department, YKK Corporation
Presentation 09	05:10 PM - 05:15 PM	"Building A Sustainable Supply Chain through Innovation" By Saatchi Doshi, Analyst Supply Chain, Fashion For Good
Summary Note	05:15 PM - 05:25 PM	Conference Summery Note - "Take Action Now"
Closing Plenary	05:30 PM - 06:00 PM	

Opening Plenary



Chief Guest



Tipu Munshi, MP

Honorable Minister,
Ministry of Commerce, Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Guest of Honor



Md. Atiqul Islam

Mayor, Dhaka North City Corporation &
Former President, BGMEA



Nasrul Hamid, MP

Honorable State Minister,
Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral
Resources, Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh



H.E. Peter D. Haas

Ambassador,
U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh



H.E. Charles Whiteley

Ambassador and Head of Delegation,
Delegation of the European Union
in Bangladesh



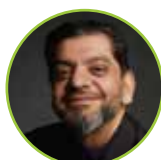
Faruque Hassan

President, BGMEA &
Managing Director, Giant Group



Salim Rahman

Managing Director, KDS &
Chairman, Al-Arafah Islami Bank Ltd.



Ranjan Mahtani

Executive Chairman,
Epic Group



Naureen Chowdhury

Head of Labour Rights Programme,
Laudes Foundation

Closing Plenary



Chief Guest



Md. Tazul Islam, MP

Honorable Minister,
Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development
and Co-operatives, Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Guest of Honor



Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP

Honorable State Minister for Information
& Communication Technology (ICT),
Government of the People's Republic
of Bangladesh



Abdus Salam Murshedy, MP

Former President, BGMEA &
Managing Director,
Envoy Group



Md. Siddiqur Rahman

Former President,
BGMEA



Fazlee Shamim Ehsan

Vice President, BKMEA &
Founder, Fatullah Apparels



Tuomo Poutiainen

Country Director,
International Labour Organization (ILO)

Plenary Session

CLIMATE ACTION - A PREREQUISITE TO WORKER WELL-BEING AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FASHION INDUSTRY

The fashion industry has a profound impact on both the environment and the workers who produce its products. The production of raw materials and the manufacture of clothing and accessories contribute to significant green house gas emissions, while the working conditions of many workers in the industry are often less than ideal. In order to ensure the sustainability of the fashion industry and improve the well-being of its workers, it is imperative that the industry takes meaningful action to address the effects of climate change.



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Speakers



Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP

Chairman, Parliament Standing
Committee on Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change



H.E. Alexandra Berg Von Linde

Ambassador,
Embassy of Sweden in Bangladesh



Ziaur Rahman

Regional Country Manager
Production (Bangladesh,
Pakistan and Africa), H&M



Dr. Saleemul Huq

Director, ICCCAD &
Professor, IUB



Paul Wright

Group Executive Director - ESG,
PDS Group



Naureen Chowdhury

Head of Labour Rights Programme,
Laudes Foundation



Bernadette Blom

Director,
Good Fashion Fund



Dr. Shahriare Mahmood

Chief Sustainability Officer,
Spinnova PLC



Moderator

Morten Lehmann

CEO & Co-Founder,
Tailwind

Plenary Session

CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN BANGLADESH'S APPAREL & TEXTILE INDUSTRY: CLOSING THE LOOP

Bangladesh is one of the leading garments manufacturers in the world, however this success has come at a significant environmental cost. By embracing circular economy principles, Bangladesh's apparel and textile industry can reduce waste and emissions, increase efficiency and productivity, and improve its reputation as a responsible and sustainable manufacturing destination. Closing the loop in Bangladesh's apparel & Textile Industry requires the ability to respond and adapt according to new information, innovations, and technical breakthroughs. With the right policies, support and investment, Bangladesh's apparel and textile industry can lead the way in closing the loop and creating a more sustainable future.



Speakers



Tapan Kanti Ghosh

Senior Secretary,
Ministry of Commerce, Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh



Werner Lange

Coordinator-Textile Cluster, GIZ



Micke Magnusson

Entrepreneur In Residence,
ENVIU



Moderator

Sandra Gonza

Strategy & Business
Impact Lead, Tailwind



H.E. Winnie Estrup Petersen

Ambassador,
Embassy of Denmark in Bangladesh



Hilde van Duijn

Head of Global Value Chains,
Circle Economy



Helene Smits

Chief Sustainability Officer,
Recover

Plenary Session

RENEWABLE ENERGY THROUGH GREEN FUNDING: PATHWAY TO NET ZERO FOR APPAREL & TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is a developing country that has made significant progress in the apparel and textile industry, but this sector still heavily relies on traditional energy sources, which can contribute to climate change.

The adoption of renewable energy through green funding is a pathway to a net-zero future for the apparel and textile industry in Bangladesh. By embracing green funding, Bangladesh can take a step towards a more sustainable future.

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Speakers



Miran Ali

Vice President, BGMEA
& Managing Director,
Bitopi Group



Alamgir Morshed

Executive Director & CEO,
IDCOL



Naser Ezaz Bijoy

CEO, Standard Chartered Bank &
President, FICCI



Ahmed Shaheen

Additional Managing Director
& Head of Corporate Banking,
Eastern Bank Ltd.



Dr. Vidhura Ralapanawe

Executive Vice President,
Epic Group



Ashish Damle

Country Director,
Oxfam in Bangladesh



Nawshad Mustafa

Deputy General Manager,
Bangladesh Bank



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MANDATORY HUMAN RIGHTS DUE DILIGENCE

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The apparel and textiles industry in Bangladesh, employees over 4 million workers, the majority being women. The mandatory human rights due diligence (HRDD), was introduced in response to the persistent human rights concerns, including poor working conditions, low wages, and exploitation of workers. A greater industry awareness on the importance of HRDD is instrumental to its success. The HRDD can only be effectively implemented with a collective concerted effort from the Bangladesh government, international organizations, and companies operating in the industry.



Speakers



Dr. Bernd Spanier

Deputy Head of Delegation,
Delegation of The European
Union in Bangladesh



Faiyaz Murshid Kazi

Director General (Economic Affairs Wing),
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh



Leena Khan

Labor Attaché,
U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh



Andrew Martin

Executive Vice President,
Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC)



Ruairidh McCarthy

Head of Partnership Development,
WaterAid UK



Jasmin Malik Chua

Sourcing and Labor Editor,
Sourcing Journal

Moderator



Mohamad Anis Agung Nugroho

Programme Manager,
Better Work Bangladesh

Roundtable Discussion

THE ROAD TOWARDS CIRCULAR FASHION IN BANGLADESH

Venue: Madhabi Hall,
Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden



Presentations



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Asako Yoshioka

Vice President,
Sustainability Department, YKK Corporation

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YKK's Action Plan for A Sustainable Future



Saatchi Doshi

Analyst Supply Chain,
Fashion For Good

■ Building A Sustainable Supply
Chain through Innovation

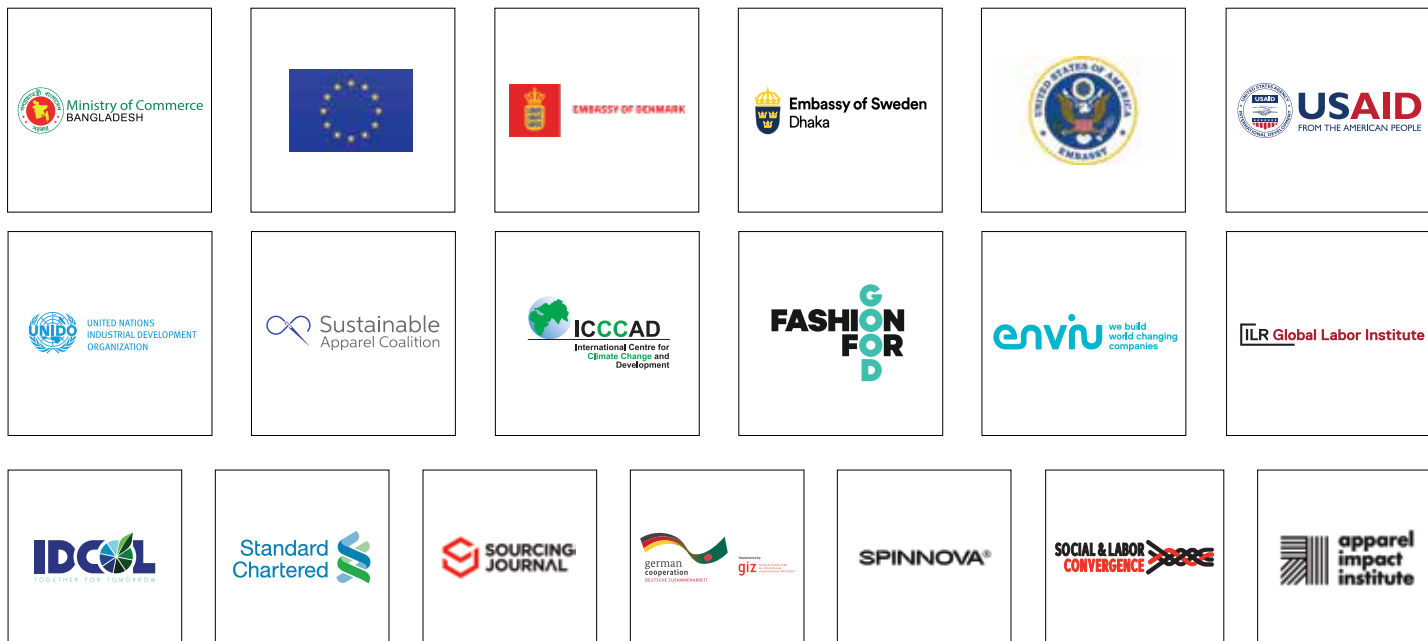
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Our Incredible Contributors



Green Growth Exhibitors



Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE)

Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the sustainable growth of Bangladesh's apparel industry through its multifarious and meaningful initiatives. The driving force behind the Sustainable Apparel Forum is the founder, Mr. Mostafiz Uddin, who is also the founder and CEO of Bangladesh Apparel Exchange. Although the Sustainable Apparel Forum is a flagship event of Bangladesh Apparel Exchange, BAE continues to be involved with a number of initiatives to promote sustainability, innovation, and progress in the Bangladesh apparel industry. The organization incessantly strives to establish forums to inform and educate the apparel industry about the latest technologies and innovations to ensure the sustainable longevity of the sector.

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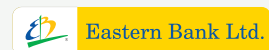
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