

SUSTAINABLE APPAREL FORUM

Promoting the Sustainability Agenda within Textile and Apparel Supply Chain

5th Edition

5th March 2024

Venue: Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden

About

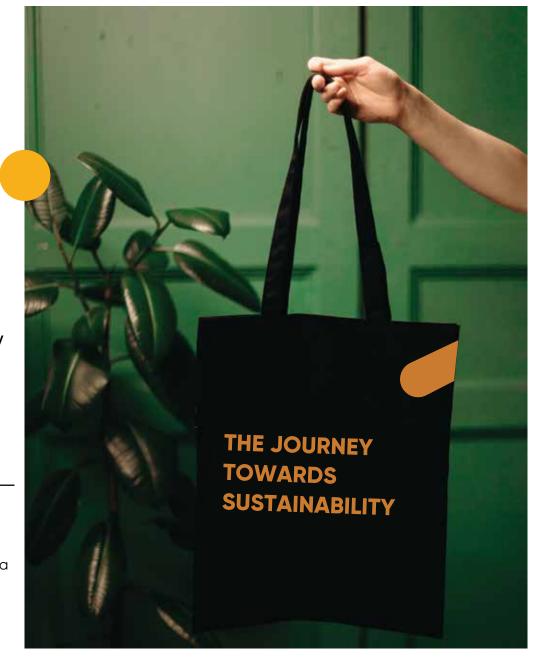
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The Sustainable Apparel Forum (SAF) is leading Bangladesh's journey to become a premier destination for responsible sourcing.

By driving sustainability with innovation, technology, and education, SAF bridges the knowledge gap in the apparel industry. It creates a platform for pivotal discussions on sustainability, featuring insights from global experts.

The 5th edition of SAF, happening on March 5th, is dedicated to promoting environmentally responsible practices across the global apparel sector, encouraging the adoption of green manufacturing and sustainability.

This forum unites distinguished speakers, policymakers, and stakeholders in a collective push for sustainable business strategies that benefit not just Bangladesh but the global apparel scene. Join us in fostering a greener, innovative future in apparel manufacturing.





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Founder's Message

We are unwavering in our commitment to a sustainable, economically robust apparel and textile industry. Sustainability remains paramount for success and environmental stewardship in the global garment sector.

Since launching the Sustainable Apparel Forum (SAF) in 2017, the Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE) has been instrumental in promoting eco-friendly initiatives, supported by industry leaders and professionals.

Join us on March 5, 2024, for an opportunity to contribute to our sector's sustainable growth. We value your support as we continue our journey towards a greener future.

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Mostafiz Uddin Founder & CEO Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE)







SAF 2024 At A Glance







Agenda

| Session | Time | Торіс | Session | Time | Торіс |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Registration & Light Breakfast | 08:30AM - 08:55AM | | | | |
| Opening Plenary | 09:00AM - 10:20AM | | Plenary Session 02 | 02:20PM - 03:05PM | Behind the Seams: Decent Work Conditions and Livelihood in the RMG Industry – |
| Tea/Coffee Break | 10:30AM - 10:55AM | | | | Perspectives on the Roles of Women Workers and Supervisory Practices |
| Introduction to Plenary Session 01 | 11:00AM - 11:20AM | Bangladesh Apparel Sector 2024: Achievements and Global Competitiveness Learning and Opportunities. By Tuomo Poutiainen, Country Director, ILO Bangladesh | Breakout Session | 02:20PM - 04:20PM | Circular Design |
| | | | Presentation 02 | 03:15PM - 03:25PM | 5PM - 03:25PM Future Opportunities in Sustainable Innovation by Mr.Buddhi Paranamana. Director Sustainability & Innovation, PDS Limited |
| Plenary Session 01 | 11:20AM - 12:50PM | Vision Bangladesh 2024 and Beyond: Sustaining Achievements & Competitiveness | | | |
| Lunch Break | 01:00PM - 01:45PM | | Plenary Session 03 | 03:30PM - 04:00PM | Sustainable Use of Water in Apparel Sector: Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Forward |
| Presentation 01 | 01:50PM - 01:55PM | Harmonised Social Assessments As Win-Win for Supply Chain Resilience and Sustainable Work Environments By Janet Mensink, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), SLCP | Tea/Coffee Break | 04:05PM - 04:20PM | |
| Launching Ceremony | 01:55PM - 02:00PM | Launching of Recycle Exchange, 1st Model Apparel Sorting Center in Bangladesh | Plenary Session 04 04:25PM - 05:25PM | Energy Sustainability: Navigating the Transition for Apparel & | |
| Keynote | 02:00PM - 02:15PM | Environment & Climate Challenges of the Sector & The Upcoming EU Regulation By Lars Fogh Mortensen, Consumption, Products & Plastics Expert, European Environment Agency | | | Textile Manufacturing in Bangladesh. |
| | | | Open Networking | 05:30PM - 6:00PM | |



Opening Plenary

Sustainable Apparel Forum's Inaugural **Plenary: Visionaries Unite for Change**

The opening plenary of the Sustainable Apparel Forum promises a dynamic inauguration featuring influential figures such as industry leaders, policymakers, and government officials from Bangladesh and around the world. Esteemed global personalities renowned for their contributions to sustainability and innovation within the apparel sector will set the stage with their insightful words. Anticipate a compelling discourse on the current state of the industry, future aspirations, and collaborative efforts needed to drive sustainability forward. The opening remarks will inspire and guide participants towards a shared vision of fostering responsible practices and ensuring a resilient future for the global apparel industry.





Salman Fazlur Rahman, MP

Private Industry & Investment Adviser to Prime Minister

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> Coordinator GI7 Textile Cluster Bangladesh, GIZ





H.E. Charles Whiteley

Ambassador & Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh

Mostafiz Uddin

Founder & CFO **Banaladesh Apparel** Exchange (BAE)



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Country Director, ILO Banaladesh



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Vision Bangladesh | 2024 and Beyond: Sustaining Achievements and Competitiveness

Explore the roadmap to sustaining Bangladesh's achievements and enhancing competitiveness in 2024 and beyond. This panel discussion will delve into strategies, innovations, and collaborative efforts vital for continued growth. Expect insights on leveraging industry advancements, fostering sustainable practices, and navigating global challenges. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the vision that will propel Bangladesh as a key player in the global landscape, ensuring a resilient and competitive future for the nation's industries.



Amirul Haque Amin

President, IndustriALL **Bangladesh Council** (IBC)



Avijit Chowdhury Executive Member (Additional

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Mesbahuddin Ahmed



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Moderator

Country Director,

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Behind the Seams: Decent Work Conditions and Livelihood in the RMG Industry – Perspectives on the Roles of Women Workers and Supervisory **Practices**



Abil Bin Amin

Country Manager, ETI Bangladesh

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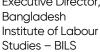
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Professor, Sociology in the Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Brac University







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In the vital ready-made garments (RMG) sector, creating decent work conditions and sustainable livelihoods is

paramount. This session delves into the roles, challenges, and opportunities faced by women workers and line

supervisors in RMG. By examining recent studies, we aim to highlight the complex duties of line supervisors, their

interactions with workers, and the overall working environment. Our discussion, grounded in empirical evidence, seeks

to unearth the pivotal aspects of leadership and management at the factory floor level, aiming for a deeper

understanding that could drive improvements in work conditions and foster sustainable industry practices.

Supply Chain Innovation Lead, Fair Wear Foundation



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Sustainable Use of Water in Apparel Sector: Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Forward Bangladesh's apparel sector, crucial for its economy, faces significant environmental challenges due to unsustainable water use. Consuming 1,500 million cubic meters of groundwater annually, the industry's practices not only cause a drastic decline in groundwater levels but also increase costs and impact local communities. This session highlights the urgent need for sustainable water management, exploring advanced solutions and policies to balance economic growth with environmental and community health. We'll delve into strategies for the sector to adopt more sustainable practices, ensuring its long-term viability and the well-being of the surrounding environment.





Ashna Huq

Director, Incredible Fashions Ltd.



Emma Clarke

> Senior Private Sector Advisor, WaterAid UK



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Professor, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm



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Energy Sustainability: Navigating the transition for apparel & textile manufacturing in Bangladesh



The interplay of energy and sustainability is critical in Bangladesh's textile and RMG sectors, where a stable energy supply underpins production efficiency and product quality. Disruptions not only incur costs but also affect competitiveness due to inefficient energy use. As the world focuses on environmental sustainability, the industry faces a pivotal shift towards renewable energy. This transition promises reduced carbon emissions and meets ethical production standards, essential for maintaining global market position. This session explores the necessity of renewable energy adoption for the textile sector to enhance operational efficiency, minimize environmental impact, and comply with international sustainability benchmarks, ensuring the industry's resilience and future success.



Laxmikant Jawale

Regional Lead, South Asia & Southeast Asia, Apparel Impact Institute



Moderator

n Project Manager, the Sustainability in the Textile and Leather Industries (STILE), GIZ



Nirod Chandra Mandal

Honorable Joint Secretary, Renewable Energy, Power Division, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



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Vice President,

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H&M Group

Shafiqul Alam

Lead Energy Analyst, The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)



Keynote & **Presentations**

Presentations Topic Janet Mensink Mortensen Expert on Textiles Environment & Climate Challenges of the Chief Executive and Circular Officer (CEO). Sector and the Upcoming EU Regulation SI CP Economy, European Environmental Agency

Introduction to Plenary Session 01



Keynote

Tuomo Poutiainen

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Country Director, ILO Bangladesh

Bangladesh Apparel Sector 2024: Achievements and Global Competitiveness | Learning and Opportunities. By Tuomo Poutiainen, Country Director, ILO Bangladesh



Buddhi Paranamana

Director, Sustainability & Innovation, PDS Limited

Presentation 02

Presentation 01

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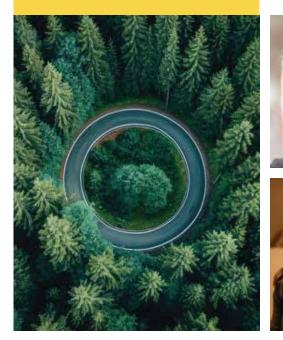
Future Opportunities in Sustainable Innovation



Breakout Session

Circular Design by GIZ

As alobal markets pivot towards circular models, driven by new regulations aimed at resource conservation and the promotion of circular value chains, significant questions arise for product design and manufacturing hubs like Bangladesh. This session, presented by GIZ, delves into the transformation of design processes and the technological advancements facilitating a shift to circular design. We will explore the implications of these global trends on local production, investigating where design innovation is taking place and how technology is enabling more sustainable, circular approaches in the industry.





Katja Moch

Sustainable Products & Material Flows Senior Researcher, Oeko-Institut e.V.

Rannveig van lterson

Public Affairs Lead. M3H





Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences, Mönchengladbac, Germany

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Prof. Maike

Professor, Textile

Finishing & Ecology,

Sonya Parenti

Product Specialist and Sustainable Development Expert, Sonya Parenti Ltd.



Mumit

Hasan



Nishat



Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE)

The Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE), a key private entity, spearheads the transformation of Bangladesh's apparel industry towards greater sustainability and innovation. Led by its founder and CEO, Mr. Mostafiz Uddin, BAE is particularly noted for orchestrating the Sustainable Apparel Forum, a testament to its role in advancing green initiatives.

Beyond this headline event, BAE is actively involved in fostering awareness and adoption of the latest in green technologies and practices within the industry. BAE's dedication to education and innovation ensures that the apparel sector is not just flourishing but also aligning with global sustainability trends.





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