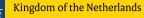






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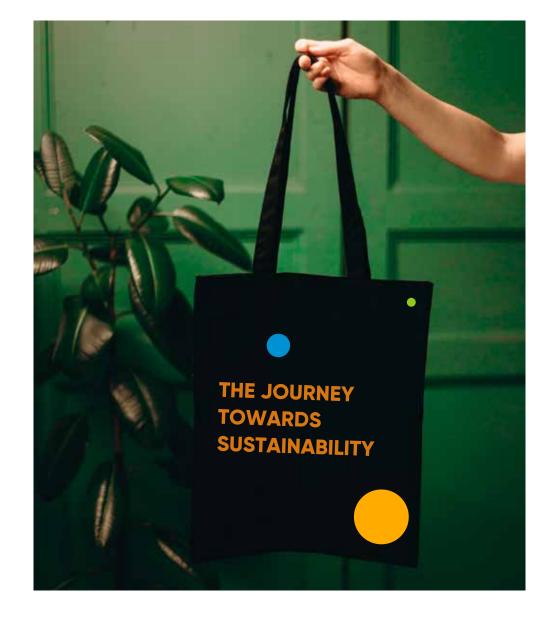
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ACCELERATING A SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION IN THE GLOBAL APPAREL INDUSTRY

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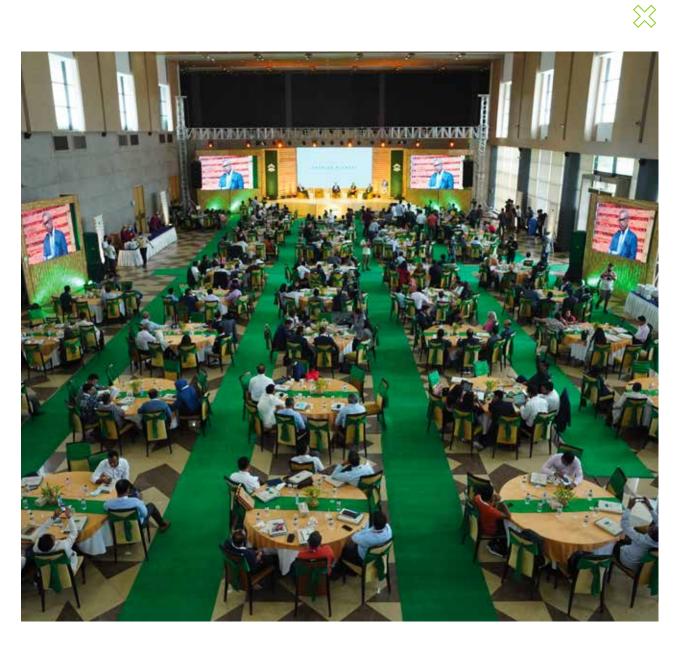
The SAF aims to enable Bangladesh to progress as a responsible sourcing destination on the global map by accelerating the momentum of sustainability within the industry through education, awareness and a reduction of the knowledge gap.

The SAF offers a knowledge gateway and networking platform, specifically for the apparel & textile industries, allowing discussion around the issues related to sustainability. The Forum presents knowledge sessions and speakers of international repute in an environment that allows fresh perspectives on sustainability to be discussed.



PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA WITHIN TEXTILE AND APPAREL SUPPLY CHAIN.

From the beginning of SAF's journey, globally renowned experts shared their fresh perspectives on sustainability through series of Sessions & Presentations. Alongside the sessions, exhibitions of sustainable technologies, products and solutions were showcased under the same roof to accelerate the momentum of sustainability in the apparel and textile industry of Bangladesh.



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Sustainable Apparel Forum (SAF) 2025 comes at a pivotal moment for the apparel industry, as the call for sustainable transformation becomes more urgent than ever. Organized by the **Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE)** in partnership with the **Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh**, this highly anticipated summit will bring together world leaders, industry experts, and innovators to drive meaningful change and tackle unsustainable practices.

SAF 2025 will foster an integrated approach to sustainability, covering key topics such as green production, sustainable fashion, recycling technology, and equitable supply chains. The forum will serve as a platform for discussing how to elevate sustainable solutions into a comprehensive movement—from enabling garment factories to reduce their environmental impact to advancing social equity across the supply chain. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore cutting-edge tools, technologies, and designs that address the industry's most pressing challenges, while also setting the stage for a responsible and inclusive future.



Event Agenda & Impact Numbers

| Sessions | Time | Details | | |
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| Arrival and Check-In | 09:00 - 10:00 | Registration & Networking | | |
| Welcoming Speech & Opening Session | 10:00 - 10:50 | | | |
| Panel Session 01 | 10:50 - 11:40 | Bangladesh 2040: The Roadmap for a Resilient and Sustainable Apparel Sector | | |
| Presentation 01 | 11:40 - 11:50 | Traceability & Cleaner Production | | |
| Panel Session 02 | 11:50 - 12:40 | From Waste to Wealth: Paving the Path to Circular Apparel | | |
| Presentation 02 | 12:40 - 12:50 | How Brands and Factories Can Collaborate for Cleaner Production | | |
| Presentation 03 | 12:50 - 13:00 | Closing the Loop: Pacific Recycled Fiber Limited's Mission to Make Fashion Truly Circular | | |
| Lunch Break | 13:00 - 13:45 | Lunch Break | | |
| Presentation 04 | 13:45 - 13:55 | Accelerating Financing for Textile Water Stewardship | | |
| Panel Session 03 | 13:55 - 14:45 | Rethinking Water Use in Fashion Supply Chains | | |
| Presentation 05 | 14:45 - 14:55 | Decarbonising the Supply Chain and Investing in Companies in Bangladesh | | |
| Panel Session 04 | 14:55 - 15:45 | Power Protocols: Exploring Renewable Energy Frontiers in Textile Manufacturing | | |
| Special Announcement | 15:45 - 15:55 | Textile Hack Winner Announcement | | |
| Wrap Up | 15:55 - 16:00 | Closing Remarks | | |
| Networking Break | 16:00 - 16:30 | Tea & Coffee | | |

| Breakout Sessions | | | |
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| Breakout Session 01 14:00 - 15:00 | | Navigating Traceability: Challenges and Solutions | |
| Breakout Session 02 | 15:00 - 16:00 | Future-Proofing RMG: The Role of Worker Upskilling | |

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Opening Plenary



Chief Guest

Syeda Rizwana Hasan

Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, and Water Resources



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H.E. Michael Miller

Ambassador and Head of Delegation, The European Union Delegation to Bangladesh



Guest of Honor

Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun

Executive Chairman (Senior Secretary), Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)



Guest of Honor

H. E. Andre Carstens





Opening Remarks

Mostafiz Uddin

Founder & CEO, Bangladesh Apparel Exchange

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Opening Plenary

Plenary Session: 01 | 10:50AM - 11:40AM

Bangladesh 2040: The Roadmap for a Resilient and Sustainable Apparel Sector

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This panel will bring together industry leaders and policymakers to discuss Bangladesh's progress, untapped opportunities, and the strategies needed to ensure a resilient and sustainable apparel sector by 2040.

Attendees will gain insights into sustainable manufacturing, innovative practices, circularity, policy frameworks, compliance with global regulations, collaborative approaches, and technological advancements that will drive the next phase of growth while safeguarding Bangladesh's competitive edge in the global market.

M. Riaz Hamidullah Secretary (West), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladest



Salim Rahman Managing Director KDS Group



Abdullah Hil Rakib Managing Director, Team Group



Mahmud Hasan Khan Managing Director, Rising Group



Anwar-ul Alam Chowdhury Chairman & Managing Director, Evince Group

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Plenary Session: 02 | 11:55AM - 12:40PM

From Waste to Wealth: Paving the Path to Circular Apparel

The fashion industry is undergoing a transformative shift towards sustainability, with circular apparel emerging as a pivotal strategy. This panel will explore innovative recycling methods, the development of reverse supply chains, and the implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) within the apparel sector.

The panel will convene to discuss the creation of closed-loop systems, advancements in recycling infrastructure, and the importance of comprehensive waste legislation. Attendees will gain insights into lifecycle assessments, classification systems, and the formalization of sustainable practices, equipping them to lead in the transition from linear to circular fashion models.



Michael Klode

Head of Project of the Sustainability in the Textile Industries (STILE) II Project, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)

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Managing Director, Pacific Jeans



Koen Warmerdam

Chief Commercial Officer,

Aware



President, CYCLO Recycled Fibers



Tara Scally CSR Specialist, Zeeman



Thijs Woudstra

Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh Plenary Session: 03 | 14:10PM - 14:55PM

Rethinking Water Use in Fashion Supply Chains

The fashion industry is a significant consumer of water, accounting for 4% of global freshwater withdrawal. In Bangladesh, the ready-made garment (RMG) sector consumes over 1,500 billion liters of water each year, depleting the region's dwindling groundwater resources and transporting byproducts and harmful contaminants to nearby water sources. This extensive water usage, coupled with increasing water scarcity and environmental concerns, necessitates a critical evaluation of current practices.

This panel will convene to explore strategies for sustainable water management within fashion supply chains. Attendees will gain insights into implementing sustainable models, understanding water rights, and building stakeholder capacity to foster a more water-efficient and environmentally responsible fashion industry. Moderator Mafruda Rahman

Rahman Country Strategy Manager, Resilient Water Accelerator Azizur Rahim Chowdhury Managing Director, J.M. Fabrics Ltd. & Director, New Asia Ltd.



Lewys Isaac Water Stewardship Manager, Primark

Neeltje Kielen Delegated Representative Water Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh



Hosna Ferdous Sumi Senior Private Sector Specialist, Finance, Competitiveness and Investmen World Rank





Syeda Afzalun Nessa

Panel Session 03

Plenary Session: 04 | 14:55PM - 15:40PM

Power Protocols: Exploring Renewable Energy Frontiers in Textile Manufacturing

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In an era where sustainability and energy efficiency are central to the future of industry, this panel will explore the opportunities and challenges surrounding renewable energy adoption in Bangladesh's textile manufacturing sector. As a critical player in the global textile supply chain, Bangladesh must look toward sustainable energy solutions to power its manufacturing processes and maintain competitiveness.

This panel will dive deep into decentralized renewable energy (DRE) solutions, off-grid solar options, micro-grids, and the country's path towards integrating renewable energy in the textile sector, focusing on innovations that can foster resilience and meet the country's climate targets by 2030 and beyond.





Faisal Rabbi Energy Specialist, World Bank

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Co-founder & CEO.

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Asif Zahir Deputy Managing Director, Ananta Group





Mohammed Sohel Managing Director, Bangla Poshak Limited





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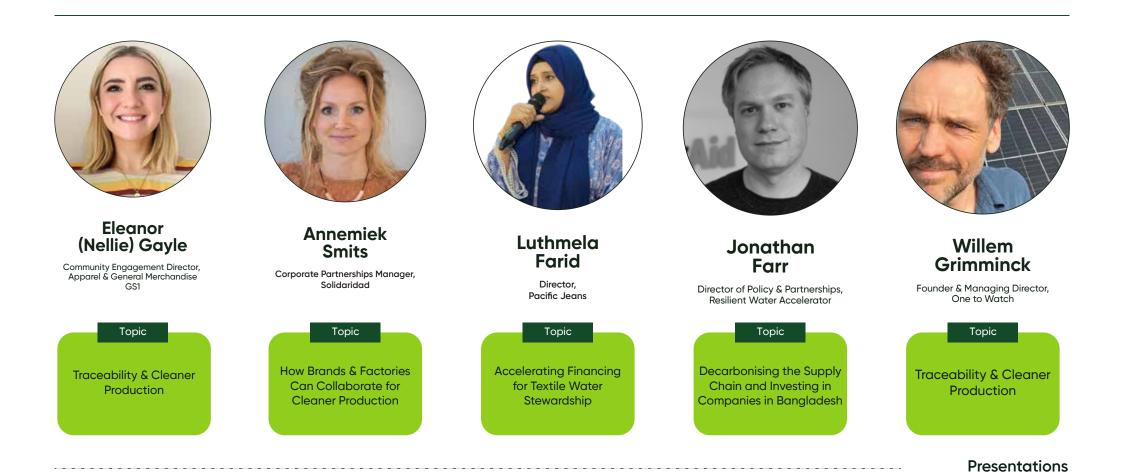
Team Leader, Green Inclusive Development & First Counsellor, on of the European Union to Banaladesh

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Panel Session 04

Presentation

Insightful Presentations



Breakout 1 | 14:00PM - 15:00PM

Navigating Traceability: Challenges and Solutions



Jeanet van der Stoel (Facilitator)

> Sector Lead Textile & Apparel, GS1



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Marieke Jae Santema

> Founder & CEO, SEIRIOS



Olaf Lohle Head of Sales,

ead of Sales, tex.tracer

Koen Warmerdam

Co-Founder & Chief Commercial Officer, Aware

Breakout 2 | 15:00PM - 16:00PM

Future-Proofing RMG: The Role of Worker Upskilling

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Head of Supply Chain Engagement, Fair Wear Foundation



Abil Bin Amin

Country Manager, Ethical Trading Initiative Bangladesh



Md. Bablur Rahman

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Consultant for Mondiaal FNV (Bangladesh)



Smita Nimilita

Bangladesh Country Lead & Global Foundations Lead, Rise

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Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE)

Bangladesh Apparel Exchange (BAE) was founded to champion the growth and transformation of the Bangladesh apparel industry. As a dynamic platform, BAE facilitates the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and innovative solutions, empowering the industry to evolve beyond traditional manufacturing.

With decades of experience as a trusted apparel sourcing destination, Bangladesh is poised to advance to the next level-becoming a hub for premium fashion products and sustainable solutions. BAE is dedicated to accelerating this transition by connecting industry leaders, fostering partnerships, and driving positive change through thought leadership and impactful initiatives that reshape perceptions and set new standards for the global apparel sector.



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