



**Textile  
Exchange  
Conference**

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

**October  
28–31, 2024**

**Pasadena Convention Center  
Pasadena, California**

**2024**

MONDAY, OCT 28

## *Round Tables*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM\*

General Assembly

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM\*

Cotton Round Table

Synthetics Round Table

## *Welcome Reception*

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM\*

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TUESDAY, OCT 29

## *Day 1: Tools and Systems for Action*

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## *Day 3: From Responsible to Resilient Sourcing*

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## *Field Trips*

TUESDAY  
OCT 29

# Day 1: *Tools and Systems for Action*



## OPENING PLENARY

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM\*

### Resilience and Responsibility: Shaping a Collaborative Future

Start the week with an impactful discussion on the evolving definitions of resilience and responsibility in the fashion, textile, and apparel industry, exploring how businesses, individuals, and communities can turn challenges into opportunities for sustainability.

## BREAK

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM\*

### Coffee and networking

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM\*

### 1A. Preferred Material Production Systems in Practice

Understand how Textile Exchange thinks about preferred materials, and the different tools and frameworks available to help you understand this concept.

### 1B. The Role and Realities of Material Sustainability Standards

Explore how sustainability standards can drive positive change across materials. We'll look at the certification journey and beyond.

### 1C. Understanding the Legislation Landscape

Get updates on the latest legislative changes in the US and EU. We'll unpack complex regulations and provide insights and strategies to help you navigate the evolving legal landscape with confidence.

### 1D. Gathering and Using Impact Data on the Ground at a Landscape Level for Regenerative Systems

Explore practical ways to work with producers to gather and use data effectively and equitably to drive change across supply chains and landscapes.

## LUNCH

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM\*

### Spotlight sessions with designers, farmers, and thought leaders, and technical drop-ins

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM\*

### 2A. Building Resilient Agricultural Systems for Material Production

Hear from producers on how investing in biodiversity and sustainable land management has strengthened their climate resilience and operations.

### 2B. The Future of Impact Data

Dive deep into the benefits and limitations of the Life Cycle Assessment methodology – the best available at scale for a scientific view of impact, but known for its gaps and complex, costly nature.

### 2C. 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.

### 2D. Traceability Strategies Beyond Compliance

Discover strategies to advance your traceability efforts beyond compliance. Gain key insights from leading companies to strengthen your traceability roadmap and future-proof your supply chain.

## BREAK

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM\*

### Coffee and networking

## CLOSING PLENARY

5:15 PM – 6:00 PM\*

### Building a Unified, Impact-Driven Standards System

Join us for an exciting, milestone launch along Textile Exchange's pathway toward building a unified, outcome-focused standards system, including how we're addressing critical topics.

WEDNESDAY  
OCT 30

# Day 2: *The Economics of Solution Building*



## OPENING PLENARY

10:00 AM – 11:20 AM\*

### From Risk to Opportunity: The Business Case for Climate Action

Explore how to navigate the sometimes-competing goals of ambitious GHG reduction targets and profit growth. Together, we'll see why sustainability must be integrated across all business operations.

## BREAK

11:20 AM – 11:45 AM\*

### Coffee and networking

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM\*

### 3A. Financial Mechanisms to Support Material Producers

Join an interactive session to explore how financial resources can be effectively funneled to farmers and material producers, focusing on why sharing financial risk is critical.

### 3B. Harnessing AI to Drive Sustainability in Fashion and Textiles

Hear from brands, suppliers, and experts on how artificial intelligence is being used to enhance material efficiency, manage supply chains, and address critical data gaps.

### 3C. Reimagining Growth and Value Creation

Explore how businesses can create value without increasing the extraction of new virgin resources, focusing on reimagining growth in a more sustainable, resource-efficient future.

### 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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3:15 PM – 4:30 PM\*

### 4A. 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.

### 4B. New Frameworks for Strategic Climate Finance

Explore economic models for funding sustainability efforts, examining their benefits and limitations, with insights from leading non-profits at the forefront of driving climate investments.

### 4C. What Does "Nature Positive" Mean?

Unpack what nature positive means as an overarching concept, and how to embed this into your business. Understand what beneficial impact looks like for biodiversity, how to measure it, and learn from those who do it well.

### 4D. Policy: Practicalities and Potential

Join us as we demystify government policy, making it more accessible through a variety of voices that help explain what "policy" really is, how you can engage, and where it can take you.

## BREAK

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM\*

### Coffee and networking

## CLOSING PLENARY

5:15 PM – 6:00 PM\*

### What Does Equitable Partnership Look Like in Practice?

Hear directly from those working on the ground as they share insights into building true supply system partnerships, where risks and rewards are shared fairly between parties.

## EVENING

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM\*

### Members-only reception

\* Timezone: PDT (UTC-7)

Note: Agenda subject to change

THURSDAY  
OCT 31

# Day 3: *From Responsible to Resilient Sourcing*



## OPENING PLENARY

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM\*

### Securing Our Future in a Changing Climate

Join us as we navigate the future a rapidly evolving landscape driven by shifting expectations, regulatory pressures, and the urgent need to address the climate crisis. This session will explore strategies for future-proofing, focusing on innovative solutions, and system-level transformation.

## BREAK

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM\*

### Coffee and networking

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM\*

### 5A. Feedstocks and Beyond: The Next Frontier in Textile Recycling

Explore the latest in textile-to-textile recycling, focusing on feedstock challenges and opportunities. This session covers the shift from bottle recycling, policy impacts, and case studies of recent achievements.

### 5B. The Intersection of Legislation and Certification

Unpack the role of standard schemes in complying with incoming legislation. Hear examples from outside the industry to see what our sector needs to consider in navigating new regulatory landscapes.

### 5C. 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.

### 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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3:15 PM – 4:30 PM\*

### 6A. 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.

### 6B. Textile Waste from Micro to Macro

Explore the full spectrum of textile waste, from microfibers to landfills, and its impact on the environment. Hear solutions being developed and how industry stakeholders can play a role in advancing these efforts.

### 6C. The Realities and Returns of Textile Innovation

Explore the role and limitations of innovation in addressing sustainability challenges. Discover how innovation can drive widespread adoption of sustainable solutions while addressing economic viability.

## BREAK

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM\*

### Coffee and networking

## CLOSING PLENARY

5:15 PM – 5:35 PM\*

### 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.