

Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) Thematic Webinar on Sustainable Garment
“The Future of Sustainable Garments in Asia and Europe”

Date: Tuesday, 3 November 2020

Time: 16:00–17:00 (SGT, +8 GMT) / 09:00–10:00 (CET, +1 GMT)

Venue: Livestreamed on YouTube

Concept Note:

The global clothing industry accounts for over USD 1.7 trillion and employs more than 300 million people along its value chains. Despite its economic benefits, the textile sector is far from being sustainable. There is a strong divide between Asia and Europe. The former is where production and manufacturing are concentrated; the latter is the largest consumers of textile in the world, controlling designing and branding. Asian countries -especially Southeast Asia- must endure all the externalities linked to production depleting their natural resources and polluting the environment.

Overproduction and the phenomenon of fast fashion are exacerbating the environmental impact of this sector that is responsible for about 10% of global CO2 emissions. Sustainable alternatives are needed also to face the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This webinar will explore:

- (1) The global textile sector trends, challenges, and the divide between Asia and Europe
- (2) The impact of COVID-19 on the textile sector
- (3) Examples of sustainable textile practices from the business sector

The panel discussion will focus on sustainable alternatives to textile business-as-usual. We will also discuss about the role of policy makers in creating the proper environment for the business sector to foster innovative solutions. Discussion topics suggested by participants will be addressed as well as the challenges that the sector is facing during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The outcomes of this webinar will feed into the Asia-Europe Environment Forum Annual Conference 2020.

Programme

15:50 (SGT) 08:50 (CET)	Livestreaming on YouTube begins
16:00 (SGT) 09:00 (CET)	Housekeeping & Welcome Remarks - Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA, Acting Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
16:05 (SGT) 09:10 (CET)	Trends and Challenges for the Textile Sector - Mr Lars Fogh MORTENSEN, Consumption, Products and Plastics Expert, European Environment Agency (EEA)
16:15 (SGT) 09:20 (CET)	Implications of COVID-19 on the Textile Industry - Ms Jacqueline KACPRZAK, Counsellor to the Minister, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy – Poland
16:25 (SGT) 09:30 (CET)	Sustainable Value Chain – Case Study from the Cotton Sector - Mr Jerzy KOTWAS, Director for Promotion and International Cooperation, Gdynia Cotton Association
16:35 (SGT) 09:40 (CET)	Case study, transition towards sustainable garment production in Cambodia - Ms Aude PETELOT, Geres Cambodia Country Representative, Sustainable Energy Expert, Geres
16:45 (SGT) 09:50 (CET)	Moderated Roundtable Moderator: Loraine GATLABAYAN , Key Expert Southeast Asia, SWITCH-Asia - Building on speakers’ presentations the discussion will develop also following participants inputs.
17:00 (SGT) 10:00 (CET)	Event Closes



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