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#### **Seminar Agenda**










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<b>08:30 - 9:45</b>	<b>Registration</b>
9:45 - 10:00	<b>Welcome Address</b> Sumit Gupta, Seminar Coordinator
<b>10:00 - 11:00</b>	<b>Session 1</b>
	<b>Connecting Sustainable Retail: Stories from Fashion Industry</b> Presentations and Q&A <b>Moderator:</b> Claudia Kersten, GOTS Managing Director, Germany This session would bring forward the recent trends, priorities and experience of conscious buyers. The session shall include perspective from international brands & retailers, sourcing from Bangladesh. <b>Speakers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bruno Van Sielegem, Stanley and Stella S.A., Belgium</li><li>2. Jan Moritz, Julius Hüpeden GmbH, Germany</li></ol>
11:00 - 11:45	Break - Tea and Coffee

<b>11:45 - 13:15</b>	<b>Session 2</b>
	<p><b>Technical Criteria and Implementation</b> Presentations and Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rahul Bhajekar, GOTS Managing Director</p> <p>The requirements for the standard have consistently been evolving to keep pace with technical research and market requirements. This session shall talk about latest criteria. It shall further present the experiences from implementation partners for technical aspects of the standard.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GMO testing protocol, ISO IWA 32 - Technical Details and Impacts: Rahul Bhajekar, GOTS Managing Director</li> <li>2. Central Database System - Enhanced Traceability in GOTS Supply Chain: Rahul Bhajekar, GOTS Managing Director</li> <li>3. GOTS Criteria - Fibre Composition &amp; Technical Requirements: Sumit Gupta, Deputy Director Standards Development &amp; Quality Assurance, GOTS</li> <li>4. Introduction to GOTS Monitor (Water / Energy) Tool: Prachi Gupta, Expert Quality Assurance &amp; Impact, GOTS</li> </ol>
13:15 - 14:30	Buffet Lunch
<b>14:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Post Lunch Quiz</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live GOTS Quiz on GOTS.</li> <li>• Announcement &amp; Felicitations of Winners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coordinator:</b> Prachi Gupta, Expert, Quality Assurance &amp; Impact, GOTS</p>
<b>15:00 - 16:00</b>	<b>Session 3</b>
	<p><b>Connecting on the Job: Workers and Management</b> Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Herbert Ladwig, Policy and Legal Advisor, GOTS, Germany.</p> <p>This session explores the working conditions at the garmenting (and other) factories in Bangladesh. It is important to meaningfully connect the and forge strong ties between workers and factory owners for mutual growth. This session shall connect important stakeholders in the field of social compliance and discuss pertinent issues. The social debate is vast, and the session shall primarily cover collective bargaining and complaint procedures.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amirul Haque Amin, National Garment Workers Federation (NGWF), Bangladesh*</li> <li>2. Armanul Azim, Tosrifa Industries Limited, Bangladesh</li> <li>3. Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh</li> <li>4. Abdul Mottaleb, CERES Bangladesh</li> </ol>
16:00 - 16:30	Break - Tea and Coffee

<b>16:30 - 17:45</b>	<b>Session 4</b>
	<p><b>Connecting Supply Chain Partners: Efficient Partnerships for Success</b> Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Montashir Nahid, GIZ, Bangladesh</p> <p>Coordination between supply chain partners is paramount to success of a complex supply chain like that of textiles. The sustainability standard landscape is steadily evolving and presenting new challenges. This session shall connect key supply chain partners and discuss their respective challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Md. Humayun Kabir, Zaber &amp; Zubair Fabrics Ltd., Bangladesh</li> <li>2. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Fakir Knitwears Ltd., Bangladesh</li> <li>3. Nandana Prasad Hettiarachchi, Pacific Jeans Ltd., Bangladesh</li> <li>4. Naishad Desai, Britacel Silicones Ltd, India</li> <li>5. Dr. Binay Choudhury, Control Union Certification, India</li> </ol>
17:45- 18:00	<p><b>Summing up and Closing</b> Sumit Gupta, Seminar Coordinator</p>

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