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# Planet Textiles 2017 to take place in Bangalore, India

Planet Textiles, the leading annual summit on environmental issues for the global textile sector will take place on Wednesday 24th May at the JW Marriott Hotel in Bangalore, India.

This leading, independent, textile industry event, will once again be co-organised by MCL News & Media, publisher of Ecotextile News, and the Sustainable Apparel Coalition with support from long-time partner Messe Frankfurt.

This year's high-level event will tackle the crucial issue of textile wastewater pollution, chemical management and natural resource conservation including both energy and water use. These significant issues are becoming even more critical to the growth of India's vast textile industry and remain under the microscope of apparel buyers that are considering sourcing from the region.

Planet Textiles 2017 will be part of a week-long series of events on textiles and sustainability in Bangalore including the Sustainable Apparel Coalition's annual member's meeting. As in 2016, the vast majority of attendees at the SAC members meeting are expected to attend the Planet Textiles Summit, so delegate places are expected to sell out once again.

Last year the event took place in Copenhagen and attracted around 450 senior industry executives and speakers from brands such as VF Corporation, Nike, Marks & Spencer, Puma, Gap, Levi Strauss, along with many others.

Due to the influential nature of Planet Textiles the event also draws interest from NGOs and policymakers. Last year senior representatives from the German, Danish, and Honduran Governments were present in Copenhagen, this included Juan Orlando Hernandez, the President of Honduras.

"Planet Textiles is the leading international event on sustainability in the textile sector because it discusses real-world practical issues and ideas on how the global supply chain can move to a more sustainable future," said Scott Miller, Director, Business Development at the Sustainable Apparel Coalition. "The event last year was a huge success with nearly 450 delegates from 33 countries and featured some inspirational presentations from industry leaders, along with tangible outcomes."

To register your interest to either sponsor, attend, or book an exhibition space at Planet Textiles 2017, send an email to <u>info@mclnews.com</u> or visit the web site to reserve a delegate place: <u>https://www.mclnews.com/events/planet-textiles-2017</u>

Further details including the first speakers will be published on *Ecotextile News* in the coming weeks and on the Planet Textiles website, which will be further updated shortly.

Web: www.planet-textiles.com

## <u>About</u>

### **Messe Frankfurt**

Messe Frankfurt is the world's leading organiser of textile trade fairs and events and has been a long-time partner of Planet Textiles.

The Messe Frankfurt 'Texpertise Network' summarises the world's strongest portfolio of textile trade fairs. At nearly 50 events across the world Messe Frankfurt shows what is driving the industry. A total of 19,000 exhibitors and 465,000 visitors from all points of the globe are attracted by the latest themes, trends and contacts. In Frankfurt, Paris, Shanghai, Moscow, New York and elsewhere Messe Frankfurt provides impetus to the entire textile value added chain.

www.messefrankfurt.com

## MCL News & Media

Since 2004 the goal of MCL has been to inspire, inform and engage industry leaders to drive forward environmental innovation and social change through high quality editorial in a bid to ensure a healthier planet for everyone.

The company produces a portfolio of leading magazines, newsletters, reports, news apps and websites for the global textile and apparel sectors. These include flagship bi-monthly publication Ecotextile News, as well as Knitting Trade Journal, Sustainable Nonwovens, and Textile Evolution (T.EVO).

MCL has also published several ground-breaking reports on environmental issues that impact the textile industry, such as Detox Deconstructed which analyses the Greenpeace campaign, the Sustainable Sourcing Map, and more recently Closing the Loop – the first publication to examine how the global textile sector can transform from a liner to a circular business model.

MCL also organises the Planet Textiles Summit, which successfully launched in Hong Kong with long-term partner Messe Frankfurt.

#### www.mclnews.com

#### **Sustainable Apparel Coalition**

The Sustainable Apparel Coalition is the apparel, footwear and home textile industry's foremost alliance for sustainable production. The Coalition's main focus is on building the Higg Index, a standardized supply chain measurement tool for all industry participants to understand the environmental and social and labor impacts of making and selling their products and services.

By measuring sustainability performance, the industry can address inefficiencies, resolve damaging practices, and achieve the environmental and social transparency that consumers are starting to demand. By joining forces in a Coalition, we can address the urgent, systemic challenges that are impossible to change alone.

www.apparelcoalition.org