Fashion Side Event
The meaning of the Paris Agreement for fashion companies and their supply chains
Date: 8 November 2017, 13:15-14:45, venue: Room 4, Bonn Zone

Background

Climate change is one of the greatest threats facing humanity in the 21st century. In response, the Paris Climate Change Agreement seeks to accelerate and intensify action and investment needed for a sustainable, resilient low carbon future. It’s central aim is to keep global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Unlike many previous transboundary environmental challenges, the drivers of climate change are not discrete. Climate change will impact almost every aspect of economic and social activity. The response requires the participation of everyone in society.

Fashion industry has a large and growing impact on climate change. While its total impact is difficult to assess due to lack of data and appropriate tools, the sector’s CO2 emissions are expected to increase by more than 60 percent to nearly 2.8 billion tons per year by 2030, according to projections in a recent report by the Global Fashion Agenda and The Boston Consulting Group. At a time when the world needs to reduce GHG emissions as rapidly as possible, these numbers pose a big challenge.

Description

Efforts to design and promote a new low carbon and sustainable system for fashion production and consumption are well under way. There is a lot happening; Many organizations and companies taking the lead to change the business as usual. Brands are adopting various climate and sustainability approaches, including by looking beyond the first tier of suppliers, integrating sustainability in core business practices, making efforts to bring transparency to the supply chain and applying a variety of innovative solutions.

As part of UNFCCC’s work with sectors of economy with a potential and appetite for deeper climate action, the UNFCCC is organizing a side event entitled “The meaning of the Paris Agreement for fashion companies and their supply chains” on 8 November 2017, from 13.15 to 14.45. This event will bring together sustainability experts, industry advisors and innovative designers, to shed light on the challenges and progress by fashion industry players to design and promote a low-carbon system for production and consumption.
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| 13:15 - 13:20 | Opening remarks  
     - Stefani Mitchell de La O                                          |
     - Alexander Meyer zum Felde, Boston Consulting Group                   |
| 13:30 - 13:40 | Towards a Climate Positive Fashion Future with H&M  
     - Vanessa Rothschild, H&M                                             |
| 13:40 - 13:50 | Facing the fashion paradigm shift – the relevance of Sustainability & Circularity  
     - Ms. Elin Larsson, Filippa K                                           |
| 13:50 - 14:00 | Environmental reconnecting with the outdoors: environmental approaches of VF iconic brands  
     - Anna Maria Rugarli, VF EMEA                                          |
| 14:00 - 14:10 | Luxury fabrics out of orange juice by-products  
     - Enrica Arena, Orange Fiber                                            |
| 14:10-14.20 | Projecto QUID: From Waste to Wow  
     - Projecto QUID (Connecting via videoconference)                       |
| 14.30-14.45  | Questions and Answers                                                    |