EU Development Days – 8 June 2017
“The Emperors’ Clothes – Ethical and Informed Choices”
B2, ‘Tour & Taxis’ (Avenue du Port 86 C, 1000 Brussels)

PROGRAMME

13:30-13:50 Opening
UNECE – Jean Rodriguez – Head of Communication: Introductory remarks (5 min)

Africa Caribbean and Pacific Group of States – Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant Secretary General: key note speech (5 min)
European Commission DG DEVCO – Antti Karhunen, Head of Unit Private Sector Framework and Trade: key note speech (5 min)
Danish Fashion Institute / Global Fashion Agenda – Jonas Eder-Hansen, Chief content officer: key note speech (5 min)

13:50-13:55 About the session
Moderator - Cittadellarte FASHION B.E.S.T, Paolo Naldini, Director: Presentation of issues for discussion and format of the roundtable brainstorming (5 min)

13:55 – 14:35 Roundtable A – Clothes can be produced sustainably: experiences and good practices

Facilitator: Bocconi University, Francesca Romana Rinaldi, Professor Fashion Management: Introductory remarks (5 min) and moderation of the roundtable discussion

Questions for discussion:
What are the key environmental, social and health risks to be addressed in todays’ textile global value chains? What is the role that regulators and the private sector can play? How can they work together?
1. Can you mention a good practice and/or a challenge? (20 min)
2. Can you give a recommendation? (20 min)

France – Maylis Souque, Secretary General of the French National Contact Point for OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, Directorate General of the Treasury (3 min)
GUCCI – Rossella Ravagli, Head of CSR (3 min)
ILO – Daniel Rees, Branch Chief, Better Work (3 min)
Italy – Oriana Perrone – CSR Advisor, Ministry of Economic Development (3 min)
GIZ Germany – Juergen Janssen, Head of the Secretariat of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles (3 min)

Please note that the roundtables are open. Additional participants may join the discussion and some time should be allowed also for their interventions, if any.
13:50 – 14:35 Roundtable B – Responsible and Informed Choices: solutions to track and trace sustainability patterns
Facilitators: Cittadellarte FASHION B.E.S.T, Roberto Mollica, Adviser: Introductory remarks (5 min) and moderation of the roundtable discussion

Questions for discussion:
Which role transparency and consumers’ awareness play in encouraging the fashion industry to embrace more sustainable business practices? How to achieve the full traceability of the textile value chain, including for its environmental, social and health impacts?
1. Can you mention a good practice and/or a challenge? (20 min)
2. Can you give a recommendation (e.g. in terms of regulations, standards, IT applications)? (20 min)

The Netherlands – Frans van Diepen, National Service for Enterprises, Ministry of Economic Affairs (3 min + 1 min)
Italian Chamber of Fashion – Chiara Luisi, Sustainability Officer (3 min)
ECOAGE/The Circle – Karis Victoria McLarty, International Compliance Director (3 min)
GS1 – Francesca Poggiali, Public Policy Director Europe, Global Office (3 min)
REDA Group – Fabrizio Alessandro Goggi, Global Communication Director (3 min)
Ethical Fashion Initiative ITC – Simone Cipriani, Founder and Chief Technical Adviser (3 min)

13:55 – 14:35 Roundtable C – Standards and certification: a key to scaling up good practice
Facilitators: TUV Rheinland Group – Rakesh Vazirani, Director: presentation of issues for discussion and format of the session (5 min)

What are the possible approaches for the development of trusted, harmonized industry standards, related labels, and certification schemes for measuring sustainability performance? How to address the issue of proliferation of standards and certification schemes for sustainability performance in the textile industry, while avoiding unnecessary burden, particularly for SMEs?
1. Can you mention a good practice and or a challenge? (20 min)
2. Can you give a recommendation? (20 min)

Rudolf Duraner – Songül Karaaslan Aksu, Chemist (3 min)
GS1 – Francesca Poggiali, Public Policy Director Europe, Global Office (3 min)
UNIDO/BiPRO – Milos Milunov, International expert on innovative chemicals management (3 min)
United Nations Environment (UNEP) – Sandra Averous, Programme Officer Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry Branch (3 min)
Textile and Health Association – Franco Piunti, Chair (3 min)

14:35 – 14:45 Closing Session
UNECE – Maria Teresa Pisani and Lorenza Jachia, Trade and Economic Cooperation Division: Report on highlights from roundtable discussion (10 min)