Recommendations

Gathered at the side event on “Fashion and the SDGs: what role for the UN?” in the context of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region 1st March 2018

As a summary from the panellists intervention
(including the outcome of discussions and exchange prior to the event)

on the following questions:

*How could the UN reach a comprehensive, coherent and coordinated approach towards the development of a sustainable fashion industry in order to contribute efficiently to reaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals?*

- **Coordination of efforts** by effectively *exchanging information*

- Collectively make member States and other stakeholders aware of the *role that the fashion industry can play in achieving the SDGs* (including environmental threads and drivers as well as social issues such as gender equality)

- Engage with the *private sector* as well as employer’ and worker’ organizations

- Explore the establishment of a *UN Partnership on Sustainable Fashion*

- Possibly enlarge the partnership to include other organizations and the private sector

- Take into account *existing frameworks* such as the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, the UN Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the ILO MNE Declaration, the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, and others

- Develop *concrete recommendations with a road map for the private sector* on how to achieve sustainability in the production processes in light of the SDGs

- Bring the potential of a sustainable fashion industry for achieving the SDGs to the attention of the *UN High Level Political Forum*, taking place in NY in July this year, in particular through SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production and SDG 15 on life on land

- Explore the possibilities of *further events and cooperation* between UN stakeholders across the UN system at both global and local level