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About GOTS

The Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is recognised as the world's leading processing standard for textiles made from organic fibres worldwide. It defines high level environmental criteria along the entire supply chain of organic textiles and requires compliance with social criteria as well. GOTS certification ensures organic status of textiles, from harvesting of the raw materials, through environmentally and socially responsible manufacturing up to packing & labelling in order to provide a credible assurance to the end consumer.

The textile market is a global one. Thus, only a voluntary international standard like GOTS, set in partnership with international stakeholder communities, ensures widespread global acceptance. In contrast to mere national standards, it also helps to remove barriers to international trade.

Organic Textiles and Sustainability

Organic cotton is a highly sustainable fibre. It has been ranked above conventional cotton, viscose bamboo and linen in Higg's Index. When environment friendly processing techniques, coupled with socially responsible practices are used in the processing of organic fibers, the textiles produced are best examples of sustainability. GOTS combines all these aspects in a comprehensive way. GOTS is recognised as the leading processing standard (also called the 'Gold Standard') for textiles made from organic fibres worldwide and serves as the credible third party assurance for such textiles.

Organic Textiles in India

GOTS management decided to hold its first international conference in India. India is the country with the highest number of GOTS certified facilities worldwide. Presence of whole supply chain and versatility has made her the hottest sourcing destination for organic textiles. Value added products are being manufactured and exported, increasing revenue and foreign exchange contributions from this sector. Garmenting stage needs to be more engaged to further exploit the potential in this sector.

Conference Aims and Objectives

The conference is aimed at increasing awareness about organic textiles and spreading correct interpretation of the standard. This will also serve as a great opportunity for enhanced buyer-seller linkages. This conference will be a great opportunity for the players in the textiles value chain, who are committed to sustainability and looking towards textiles made from organic fibers as a means to achieve it, to showcase their commitment and learn new ways to make sustainable progress. The conference will help attendees to harbour business networking, strengthen communication, collaboration and coordination amongst key stakeholders.

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Broad Scope of Conference Content

- GOTS Water-Energy (W/E) Tool
- GOTS Audit Checklist and Methodology
- Testing Nuances - Risk Assessment, Test methods and Sampling
- Industry perspectives on benefits & practical difficulties
- Panel discussion - Brand Expectations from Organic Textiles
- Panel discussion - Transcending the Supply Chain for Organic Textiles

Who Should Attend

This conference is a must-attend for those associated with textiles and sustainability, and an interest in organic textiles. Related stakeholders include members from:

- Ginning
- Spinning
- Weaving
- Knitting
- Process Houses
- Garment Units
- Merchandisers
- Buying Houses
- Brands
- Retailers
- Dyes
- Chemicals
- Enzymes
- Machinery
- Environmentalists
- Policy-makers

Delegate Registration

Delegates can be a part of contemporary deliberations related to organic textiles and sustainability, providing a great opportunity to remain abreast of the latest technical and commercial trends in the industry. They will be able to gain a better understanding of related problems and possible solutions; learn about best practices and the business case for sustainability. Attendees will further benefit from the conference by means of gathering new knowledge and insights in this field.

Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with international and domestic buyers. They will have excellent networking opportunities to engage with industry peers, supply chain partners and customers alike.

Branding Opportunities

The Conference offers a prime platform to showcase showcasing your products and services to the textile industry. There are various avenues of mileage and visibility that can be availed of. The conference, being the first of its kind as held across the globe, and promoted by GOTS itself, assures one of visibility not only at the event, but also on to GOTS international network.

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