

# GOTS India Seminar 2018

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#### **Seminar Programme<sup>#</sup>**

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<b>09:00 - 9:45</b>	<b>Registration</b>
9:45 - 10:00	<b>Welcome Address</b> Sumit Gupta, Seminar Coordinator
<b>10:00 - 11:15</b>	<b>Session 1</b>
	<b>Efficiency through Sustainability in Fashion: Buyers' Perspective</b> Presentations and Q&A <b>Moderator:</b> Claudia Kersten, GOTS Managing Director, Germany This session would bring forward the recent trends, priorities and experience of conscious buyers. The session shall include perspective from Indian and international brands, retailers and consumers. Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Yatin Kirori, Chief Representative, BESTSELLER</li><li>2. Gagan Kapoor, Global Cotton Supply Chain Responsible, H&amp;M*</li><li>3. Rajat Jaipuria, Rajlakshmi Cotton Mills, India*</li><li>4. C&amp;A*</li><li>5. Carrefour*</li></ol>
11:15 - 12:00	Break - Tea and Coffee

<b>12:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Session 2</b>
	<p><b>Efficiency through GOTS Criteria and Chemical Compliance</b> Presentations and Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> *</p> <p>The requirements for the standard have consistently been evolving to keep pace with technical research and market requirements. This session shall talk about latest criteria and also focus on managing the chemical compliance related requirements, including testing and process house, etc.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GOTS criteria and new requirements: Sumit Gupta, GOTS Deputy Director Standards Development &amp; Quality Assurance, India</li> <li>2. Guidance for ZDHC Tools and Risk Based Testing for textiles &amp; chemical inputs: Prasad Pant, Director- South Asia, ZDHC Foundation, India</li> <li>3. D. Subaashkumaar, Vice President, Anugraha Fashion Mill Pvt Ltd, India</li> <li>4. Approval Process for Chemical Inputs: GOTS Certifier</li> </ol>
13:30 - 14:30	Buffet Lunch
<b>14:30 - 15:45</b>	<b>Session 3</b>
	<p><b>Efficiency through Social Compliance</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Herbert Ladwig, Legal &amp; Policy Advisor, GOTS, Germany.</p> <p>International standards are getting higher acceptance in legal frameworks over the world. This session discusses the opportunities for standards and governments when they work in tandem. Besides, we also see practical examples on how effective management of social compliance leads to business efficiency for industry.</p> <p><b>Presentations and Q&amp;A:</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inherent social benefits of organic farming: RS Balagurunathan, Founder, Anandi Enterprises, India</li> <li>2. Third party audits as a tool for better social compliance: Mona Gupta, Founder Director, Sutradhara, India</li> <li>3. Better HR practices for business efficiency, A Case Study</li> <li>4. Auditing for GOTS Social Compliance: GOTS Certifier</li> </ol>
15:45 - 16:15	Break - Tea and Coffee

<b>16:15 - 17:45</b>	<b>Session 4</b>
	<p><b>Being Future Efficient: Evolution of Standard</b> Presentations and Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>, Rahul Bhajekar, GOTS Managing Director, India</p> <p>The sustainability standard landscape is steadily evolving and presenting new challenges. This session shall converse few such topics and help formulate the strategies for the future.</p>
	<p><b>Panel Discussion:</b> Futuristic Certification Systems for Textile Chemicals</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lars Doemer, Co-Founder, GoBlu, Germany</li> <li>2. Dr Siva Pariti, Sustainable Textile Solutions, India</li> <li>3. Dr Rajesh Ramamurthy, Head - Product Stewardship Asia, Archroma, India</li> <li>4. Dr Pankaj Desai, Colourtex, India</li> <li>5. Sriram Atgur, Head- Sustainability &amp; Product Stewardship, AEON Commercial India Pvt Ltd., India</li> </ol>
17:45- 18:00	<p><b>Summing up and Closing</b> Sumit Gupta, Seminar Coordinator</p>
18:00- 19:00	Delegates at leisure
19:00 - 21:30	<b>Evening Reception and Buffet Dinner</b>

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