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# Textile Sustainability Conference 2021

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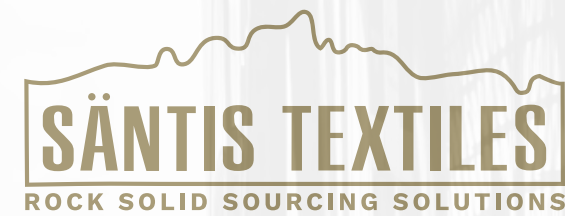
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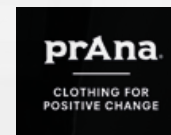
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## 2021 Recap

The 2021 Textile Sustainability Conference was our largest event to date with more than 200 speakers and over 1,900 people registered from 45 countries! For the third year in a row, the Textile Sustainability Conference was recognized as being carbon neutral through a partnership with South Pole.

### Virtual Conference Access

The virtual conference platform will remain accessible until the end of February 2022. All registered attendees can watch the conference recordings “on-demand” by using the dropdown in the main Agenda page to view a specific day. Speaker presentations are available within the Aventri system within the individual session descriptions.

1. Enter the virtual conference platform [here](#).
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### Round Table Summary Reports

Summary reports of each of the round table summits are available to download here:

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[Manmade Cellulosics Round Table](#)

[Organic Cotton Round Table](#)

[Recycled Polyester Round Table](#)

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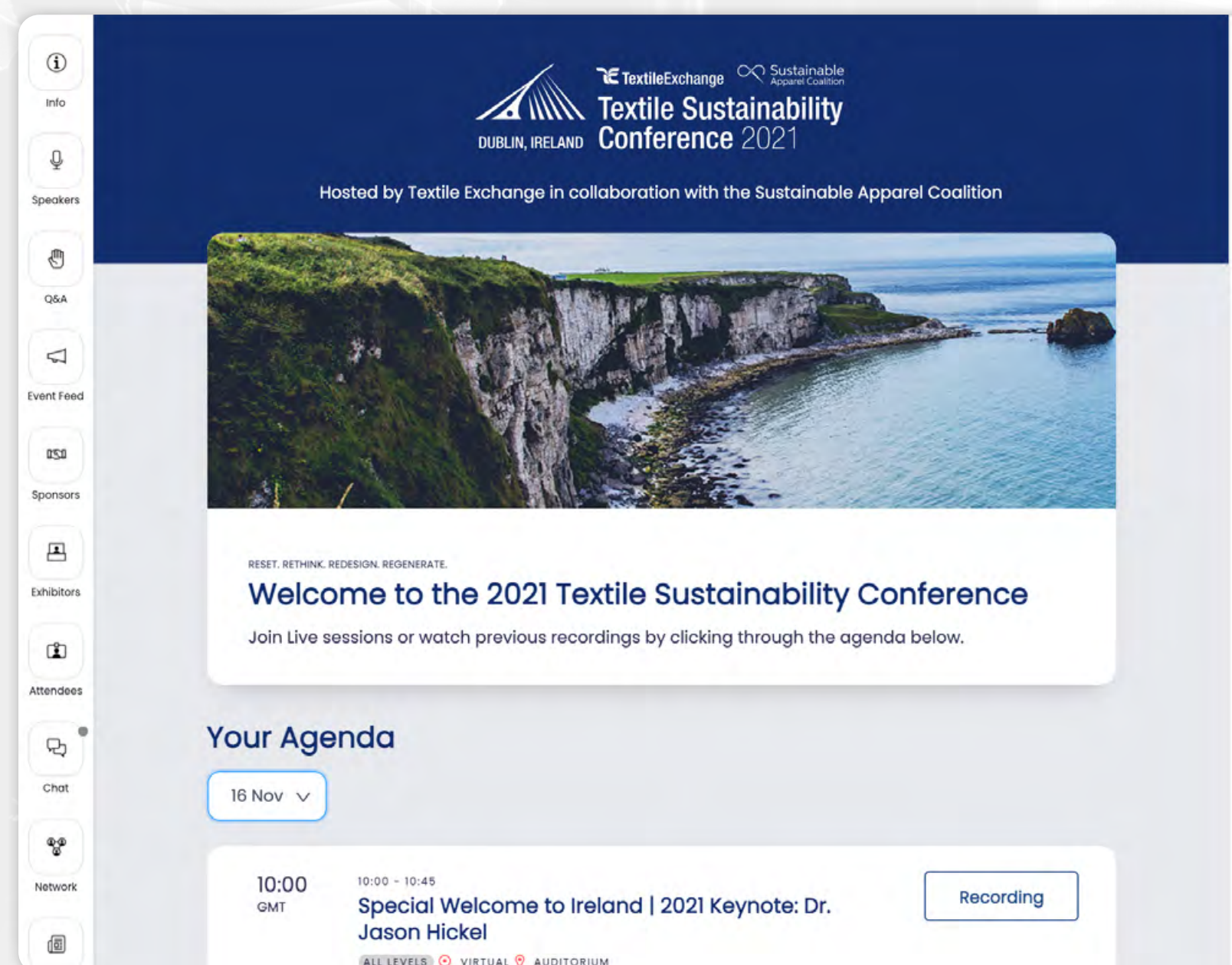
[Sustainable Cotton Round Table](#)



### Graphic Recordings

Graphic recordings were created at several of the sessions and round table summits by Graphic Harvester, Carlotta Cataldi. These visuals have been compiled and are available to view here:

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# The Ryan Young Climate+ Awards

The Ryan Young Climate+ Awards recognize leaders driving progress towards a lower impact textile industry with organic, recycled and regenerative solutions. Winners include “Climate Leaders” Rebecca Burgess of Fibershed, Prama Bhardwaj of Mantis World, Helene Smits of Recover™ and Margot Lyons of Coyuchi, as well as “Rising Stars” Annabelle Hutter of SäntisTextiles and Landon Nash of Tact & Stone. The annual awards have been established in memory of the late Ryan Young, Textile Exchange’s Chief Operating Officer from 2017 to 2020, and the driving force behind the organization’s Climate+ Strategy.

The awards were presented to the winners by Helena Young, Ryan Young’s wife, science educator, and climate change activist. The recipients have been honored for their work in driving progress towards the defining goal of Textile Exchange’s Climate+ Strategy: a 45 percent greenhouse gas reduction in the textile fiber and material production phase by 2030.

## [Read more about the awards](#)



Left to right: Beth Jensen, Annabelle Hutter, Prama Bhardwaj, Ana Rodes (Recover™), Landon Nash, Margot Lyons, Helena Young.

### **Climate Leader • Rebecca Burgess, Fibershed.**

Rebecca Burgess is the Executive Director of Fibershed, an organization based near San Francisco, California. Burgess has been recognized by Textile Exchange as a Climate Leader for her work with growers, scientists and textile brands to research, demonstrate, and operationalize “climate-beneficial” cotton and wool. These fibers come from regional and regenerative farming systems that draw carbon from the atmosphere into the soil.

### **Climate Leader • Prama Bhardwaj and team, Mantis World.**

Mantis World is the first printwear company in Europe to introduce organic cotton to its market. The company has been making casual apparel for babies, kids and adults for over two decades. CEO and Founder Prama Bhardwaj is recognized by Textile Exchange as a Climate Leader for converting all the brands’ cotton to organic six years ahead of schedule, certified to numerous standards. In addition, Ms. Bhardwaj is the chair of the Textile Exchange Pan-Africa Sourcing Working Group.

### **Climate Leader • Helene Smits and team, Recover™.**

Based in Spain, Recover™ focuses on scaling the production and adoption of recycled cotton fiber in the textile industry. It turns discarded fabric into fiber for apparel and home textiles using a high-tech, low impact separation process.

### **Climate Leader • Margot Lyons and team, Coyuchi.**

Coyuchi, a California-based manufacturer of home textiles and apparel made solely from organic fibers, is the first Recover™ partner to supply its own materials to be recycled through its “2nd Home Take Back” program. The two teams have been jointly recognized by Textile Exchange as Climate Leaders.

### **Rising Star • Annabelle Hutter, Säntis Textiles.**

Säntis Textiles offers products made from 100 percent recycled pre-and post-consumer cotton waste. Serving as Global Creative Director while also studying sustainable textiles management, Hutter has been recognized by Textile Exchange as a Rising Star for her close work with leading fashion brands regarding the company’s RCO100 recycled cotton, and her own “Born on Saturday” brand of hand-made 100 percent recycled cotton tote bags and t-shirts, created to educate people in Southeast Asia about circularity in the fashion industry.

### **Rising Star • Landon Nash, Tact & Stone.**

Tact & Stone is a menswear company making a range of apparel from button-down shirts to pants and blazers. From the start, it has only used certified organic and recycled fibers and materials while pursuing circularity with a take-back program launching by end of this year. Nash, CEO and Founder, is recognized by Textile Exchange as a Rising Star, and wants to prove that consumers do not have to sacrifice quality or style for sustainable products.



# Global Fibre Impact Explorer

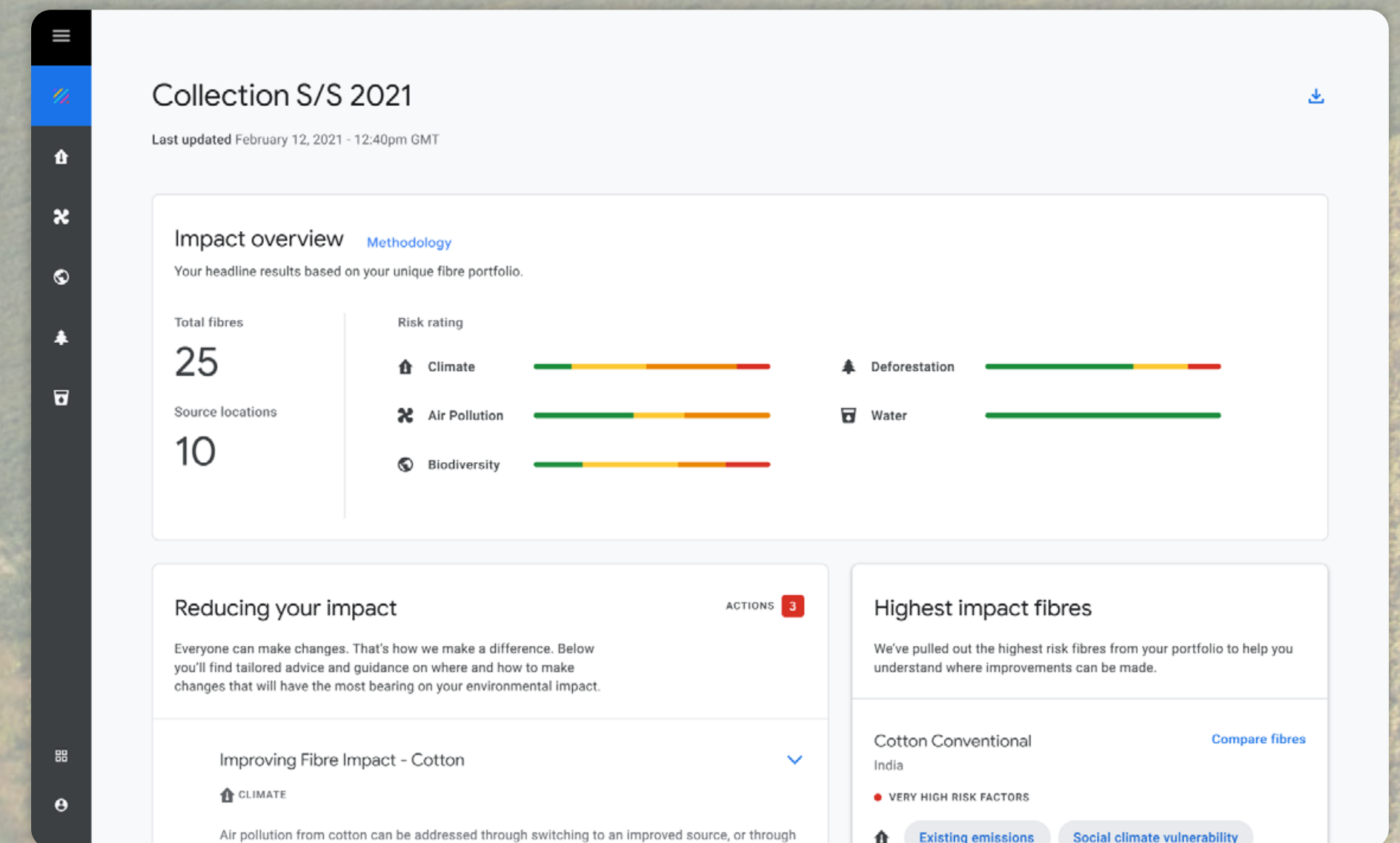
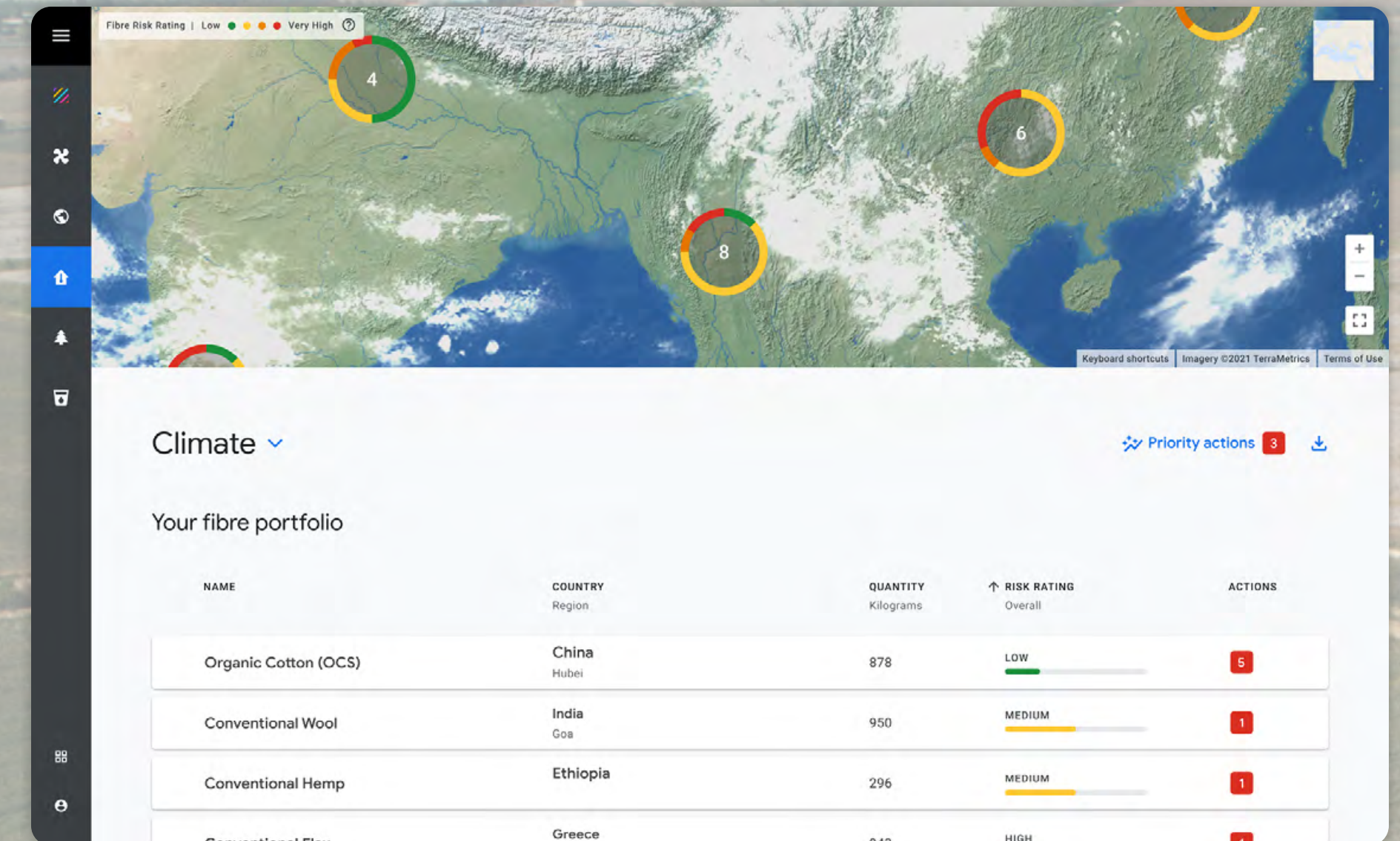
Along with Google and WWF, we announced the results of a first case study on a digital tool being built to help fashion brands understand the environmental risk and impact of their fibre sourcing. Developed with luxury fashion house Stella McCartney, it informs the brand's sustainable sourcing strategy on the ground in Turkey through previously opaque and inaccessible data.

In order to assure widespread industry access and continued development, we aim to provide global fashion brands and sourcing teams access to the platform in 2022.

The Global Fibre Impact Explorer (GFIE) assesses risk by fibre and region, drawing together data and analysis across a multitude of environmental impact factors, including air pollution, biodiversity, climate and greenhouse gases, forestry, and water use and water quality. Results in the tool will provide brands with recommendations for targeted and regionally specific risk reduction activities, such as opportunities for positive interventions with farmers, producers, communities, and those in the surrounding landscape to drive improvements.

Watch Claire Bergkamp, COO of Textile Exchange, in conversation with Maria McClay, Director Google Cloud Fashion & Beauty, Google and Laila Petrie, CEO, 2050 [here](#).

## Discover More about the GFIE





# Attending Companies

2025design	International Limited	Cargill	Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) Inc.	ERCA SPA	GEORGE@ASDA	IFF	Kent State University	Mara Hoffman	OEKO-TEX(R)	Recovertex	SCS Global Services	College of the Arts	The North Face	Usha Yarns Limited
5Loc Cotton, LLC	Asiatan/Tectuff	Carhartt, inc	Designers of America (CFDA) Inc.	Erth Farmers	GHCL Limited	IKEA of Sweden	Kering	Marc Cain GmbH	Oiselle	Recurate	Sea to Summit	Sustainable Down Source / Down Decor	The Party Goddess!	USTEP
AAFT Pty Ltd	Asics	Carolina Herrera	Country Road	Esprit Europe Services GmbH	Gigi Cobos Gildan	Illa Biodiversidad y Desarrollo	KIABI	Marc O'Polo	Olah Inc - Founder Transformers Foundation	Red Carpet Green Dress	Selfridges	The RealReal	The Schneider Group	Valora Consultores
AB Lindex	ASOS	Carter's Inc	Coyuchi,Inc	Esquel Group	Gina Tricot	Independent	KID ASA	Marks and Spencer	On AG	Red Wing Shoe Company	Senbis Polymer Innovations B.V.	The Soil Association	The Sourcing	Varnar
Abercrombie & Fitch	Athleta, Gap Inc	CELIO	Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute	ESTS	Giotex	IndiDye Natural Color Company Ltd / European office	Kipas Textiles	Marzotto Wool Manufacturing	Open Apparel Registry Inc	Reformation - Los Angeles, CA	SGS	The Sustainability consortium	The Sustainable Angle	VEJA
ABOUT YOU AG & Co. KG	AVANTI Inc.	Cell-Matt, LLC.	Centre for Sustainable Fashion	Etam Group	GIZ - Partnership for Sustainable Textiles	INDIGENOUS & Circular Systems	Kiss the Ground	MAS Active	Openview Service Limited	Regatta Group	Shaniko Wool Company	The Sustainable Fashion Academy	The TJX Companies	Veolia
ABVTEX - Brazilian Association of Textile Retail	Avery Dennison	Centric Brands LLC	Crate & Barrel	Eurofins Consumer Products Assurance	Glen Raven, Inc	Inditex	Kmart & Target Australia	MAS Capital	Organic Cotton Colours	Regenerative Organic Alliance	Shared Value Sustainable Consulting	The Sustainable Knits	The Underswell	Vera Bradley
Accelerating Circularity	Axita Cotton Limited	Ceres Clothing	Cross	European Commission	Global Fashion Agenda	Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs	KnowledgeCotton Apparel a/s	MAS Holdings Pvt Ltd	REI	ResMed	Shell Chemicals Europe	Vestex	Theory	Vera Bradley
Acne Studios	Baby Sleep Made Simple	Chetna Organic	Crocs	European Outdoor Group	Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)	Innovation Forum	Kohinoor Textile Mills Ltd.	MAS Intimates	Renewcell	Resource Recycling Systems	Shima Seiki Mfg., Ltd.	VF Corporation	Thinknado	Victoria's Secret & Co.
ACT	Balenciaga	Council of Fashion Designers of America	Crystal International Group Limited	Everlane	Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef	Innesst co., ltd	Kohl's	Matoha Instrumentation Ltd.	Replay - Fashion Box Spa	Responsible Business Coalition	SHOEFabrik	VIER PFOTEN International	Thom Browne	Virent, Inc.
adidas AG	Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA)	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Everywhere Apparel Inc.	Globalbalance	Interloop Limited	Komar Brands	Mattel	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	Simon Lord Consultancy	Wakefield Inspection Services, Inc.	Tiger of Sweden	Vogue
Adolfo Domínguez, SA	Exporters Association (BGMEA)	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	fabulous textile	GlobalTrust Ltd	Institute of Social & Economic Changes	Kontoor Brands	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	ResMed	Responsible Sourcing Network	Sixone Labs Ltd	Walmart	Timberland	Voice Norge AS
ADOORLINK CO., LTD.	ChainPoint	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Faherty Brand	GlobalTrotter Ausrüstung	Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool	Kowa India Pvt ltd	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	Sleep On Latex	Wacoal America	TINTORIA DI QUAREGNA SRL	W.L. Gore & Associates - Fabrics Division
AEO	CHANEL FASHION	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Fair World Project	Good Fashion Fund	Institute of Social & Economic Changes	Kunstuniversität Linz	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	Smart Chain Enterprises Limited	Waste Management	TIONG LIONG INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.	- Fabrics Division
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Allbirds	CHANEL FASHION	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Fast Retailing. Co., Ltd.	GSCS International	International Fur Federation	Lacoste	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	Sourcing Journal	WestPoint Home	TJX	Walmart
Alliance for Water Stewardship	CHANEL FASHION	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Fenix Outdoor Group	GSCS International	International Paper	Lacoste	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	South African National Parks	Whysebird	TJX	Walmart
Allotrope Partners	CHANEL FASHION	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Fibershed	GSCS International	International Paper	Lacoste	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	South China Morning Post	Wildlife Friendly Enterprise Network	TJX	Walmart
Alpine Group	CHANEL FASHION	Designers of America	DANONE NORTH AMERICA	Fibertex S.A. De S.V.	GSCS International	International Paper	Lacoste	MAYORAL MODA INFANTIL SAU	RESET Carbon	Responsible Sourcing Network	South Pole	Williams Sonoma Inc	TJX	Walmart
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## KEYNOTE:

# Dr. Jason Hickel

We were delighted to have Dr. Jason Hickel as the keynote speaker for the 2021 Textile Sustainability Conference. Jason is an economic anthropologist, author of “Less is More: How Degrowth will Save the World,” and a Professor at the Institute for Environmental Science and Technology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. His research focuses on global inequality, political economy, post-development, and ecological economics. In addition to his academic work, Jason writes regularly for The Guardian and Foreign Policy and contributes to a number of other online outlets, including Al Jazeera and Fast Company.

His keynote addressed the impacts of inequality and resource extraction, new forms of value creation, and how we can decouple growth from business status quo.

Registered attendees can watch a recording of the session in the virtual conference platform:  
<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/ve2/index.php?eventid=603723>

 **Dr. Jason Hickel,**  
Economic anthropologist and author

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## PLENARY 1: Climate+

In the opening plenary, attendees were given updates about Climate+ Strategy, and a reality check that there is not a strong correlation between setting strong climate goals and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (finding from the newly released “Friction Points in Fashion & Textiles” report).

Attendees then learned about resources, such as the “Roadmap to Net-Zero”, which can help to collectively align towards our target of reducing emissions in the fiber and material production by 2030, and other actions we can take to create transformational change in the textile area.

**Claire Bergkamp**,  
COO, Textile Exchange

**Beth Jensen**,  
Climate+ Strategy, Director,  
Textile Exchange

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## PLENARY 2: Leveraging Partnerships in the Industry

In this plenary, we heard from leading organizations along the textile industry supply chain who are working together to streamline efficiency, avoid duplicate work, and accelerate change. On this second day of conference, we gave a voice to our partners who headed several of the day’s sessions and learned how we go further and faster together by leveraging collective action.

**Claire Bergkamp**,  
COO, Textile Exchange

**Ashley Gill**,  
Standards & Stakeholder Engagement, Senior  
Director, Textile Exchange

**Amina Razvi**,  
Executive Director, Sustainable Apparel Coalition

**Cara Smyth**,  
Founder, Responsible Business Coalition

**Federica Marchionni**,  
CEO, Global Fashion Agenda

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## PLENARY 3: State of Textiles

The Textile Exchange COO Claire Bergkamp reversed the roles and interviewed key industry journalists in an insightful conversation about the current state of textiles. In the second half of the plenary, listeners were introduced to the Global Fibre Impact Explorer, a textile industry traceability tool created by Google and WWF in collaboration with Stella McCartney, and that will now be hosted by Textile Exchange.

**Claire Bergkamp**,  
COO, Textile Exchange

**Sarah Kent**,  
London Editor, Business of Fashion

**Emily Chan**,  
Sustainability Editor, Vogue

**Maria McClay**,  
Director, Google Cloud  
Fashion & Beauty, Google

**Laila Petrie**,  
CEO, 2050

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## PLENARY 4: Investing in Change

In this plenary, Textile Exchange CEO La Rhea Pepper conversed with Chipotle and their partner Loomstate, an organic cotton brand. We heard how the global foodservice brand Chipotle is investing in sustainable agriculture, not only in terms of ingredients, but also in regard to their uniforms and brand apparel.

In the second half of the plenary, we learned about a successful case of collaboration, The Delta Framework, and how the coffee and cotton industries came together to define standards in sustainability reporting in these commodity sectors.

**Claire Bergkamp**,  
COO, Textile Exchange

**Alan McClay**,  
CEO, Better Cotton

**Ashley Gill**,  
Standards & Stakeholder Engagement, Senior  
Director, Textile Exchange

**Ashley Erickson**,  
Brand Experience Lead, Chipotle Mexican Grill

**Scott Mackinlay Hahn**,  
Founder, Loomstate

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## PLENARY 5: Scaling Solutions

In this session we heard about all the tools and programs that can be used to scale solutions, including standards and impact incentives, benchmarking, preferred fibers and materials matrix and a shared measurement system (such as TrackIt).

It was also announced that two brands, H&M and Ralph Lauren Corporation, will pilot the Leather Impact Accelerator, an important start to accelerate impact at the farm level. In order to scale solutions, collaborative leadership is necessary.

**Claire Bergkamp**,  
COO, Textile Exchange

**Sean Cady**,  
Vice President, Global Sustainability and  
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# Overview & Key Takeaways

## Overview

The 2021 Textile Sustainability Conference came at a decisive time in the climate conversation. Our world leaders had recently departed from Glasgow after the highly anticipated COP26, and just the month before, the first part of COP15 – the Convention on Biological Diversity – had been held virtually.

As a result, our discussions coincided with heightened calls for an integrated response to climate change and biodiversity loss. In the fashion and textile industry, this only increased awareness as to the important stake that we as a sector have in both. The availability of raw materials for fibers and fabrics depends on the wellbeing of our ecosystems and we need cohesive sustainability strategies to ensure the resilience not just of our businesses, but the planet too.

Our five days in Dublin were focused on transforming this awareness into action. The Textile Sustainability Conference brought together leaders from across the industry to discuss how to transform siloed solutions into a holistic movement. Together, we covered everything from the essential role of degrowth strategies to achieve carbon reduction, to the need for greater equity in fiber and material supply chains. At the same time, we celebrated the innovative new tools and technology that will help us to coordinate a data-driven response.

If we want to make transformative change, we need thoughtful partnership and dedicated resources aimed at reimagining systems, challenging habitual behaviors, and moving away from individual action that provides incremental improvements. We hope that you will walk away from the week recognizing the need for bold, shared and collective commitments instead.

## Key Takeaways

### **We must work together to expand our portfolio of responsible materials.**

While degrowth strategies are essential to achieving climate reduction goals, there are scalable solutions in place, such as textile to textile recycling, that eliminate the need to extract raw material resources to make new goods. It is well beyond a starting point, and it is time we lean into partnership and industry alignment to take giant steps forward.

### **We need landscape-level solutions that are collaborative and integrated.**

When it comes to land-based raw materials, we have a big opportunity to collaborate to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss. By matching fiber and raw material priorities to important sourcing locations, brands and producers can start to work on a landscape level. Meanwhile, all new initiatives must look at the science to understand where conservation is most effective at representing all species and ecosystems as global temperatures continue to increase.

### **We can, and should, go further than global biodiversity agendas.**

The Convention on Biological Diversity's "30x30" draft target promotes the idea of conserving at least 30% of land and waters by 2030. Companies should not only look for ways to support this agenda, but to go beyond it. Science-Based Targets for Nature and its AR3T approach (Avoid, Reduce, Restore, Regenerate and Transform) provides a framework to help them take their commitments further.

### **We've got to rebalance the equity in our fiber and materials supply networks.**

In the fashion and textile industry, we need to further our understanding about indigenous tradition to learn more about what happens on the ground with fiber production. In turn, we can create more harmonized climate strategies that work in unison with our production partners.

### **We should align tools, resources and capacity to move the industry forward.**

Evolving materials standards can drive more impact and efficiency in fiber and material production, but we need tools to help those on the ground. Geospatial data, for example, can play a key role going forward in supporting certified farmers and farm groups with meeting the requirements of our Responsible Animal Fibers standards, in turn delivering a positive impact on biodiversity.

### **We can leverage innovative technology to catalyze industry action towards shared targets.**

Alongside helping us to determine provenance and proof of impact, technology plays a key role in coordinating collective action. That's where our newly launched Shared Measurement System – a collaborative platform to report on Climate+ – comes in. Going forward, we are looking at how we can evolve our use of technology for provenance, proof of impact and ultimately coordinate collective action for Climate+.



## Round Table Summits

Textile Exchange Round Tables drive collective action for core fibers and materials programs. Recordings of the 2021 Round Table Summits can be accessed below or via the virtual conference platform:

<b>Animal Fiber Round Table</b> Monday, November 15 • <a href="#">Summary report</a>	<b>Part 1</b> 🕒 11:30 am GMT ▶	<b>Part 2</b> 🕒 2 pm GMT ▶
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<b>Sustainable Cotton Round Table</b> Wednesday, November 17 • <a href="#">Summary report</a>	<b>Part 1</b> 🕒 11:30 am GMT ▶	<b>Part 2</b> 🕒 2:15 pm GMT ▶
<b>Home &amp; Hospitality Round Table</b> Thursday, November 18 • <a href="#">Summary report</a>	<b>Part 1</b> 🕒 11 am GMT ▶	
<b>Responsible Leather Round Table</b> Friday, November 19 • <a href="#">Summary report</a>	<b>Part 1</b> 🕒 10 am GMT ▶	<b>Part 2</b> 🕒 2 pm GMT ▶
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### Textile Exchange, SAC Administer Climate 'Imperative' at This Year's Conference

Textile Exchange's 2021 conference is happening through Friday in Dublin, Ireland, as part of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition.

By KALEY ROUSHI **NOVEMBER 15, 2021, 5:27PM**

Textile Exchange and Sustainable Apparel Coalition are drumming up unified strategies at this year's conference.

Textile Exchange, the Sustainable Apparel Coalition and a number of industry partners are organizing support toward joint climate and biodiversity action this week. Kicking off Day One of the event, Textile Exchange and SAC are launching a new initiative to support the industry's climate and biodiversity goals.

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### Google launches fashion supply chain platform

Google has built a tool called Global Fibre Impact Explorer and is partnering with Stella McCartney, The Textile Exchange and the World Wide Fund for Nature to help fashion brands understand the environmental risk of their supply chains.

By ISABELLA FISH 22 NOVEMBER 2021

The tool, which is built on Google Earth Engine and uses Google Cloud AI, allows brands to assess the environmental risk of different fibres across regions in terms of environmental pollution, biodiversity, climate and greenhouse gases, forestry and land use.

With the tool, Google says brands will be able to identify environmental hotspots — including natural, cellulosic and synthetic materials.

The tool will also provide brands with recommendations for target reduction activities, including opportunities to work with farmers, investing in regenerative agriculture practices.

Google worked with luxury fashion brand Stella McCartney to test the platform. Using the tool alongside its existing sustainability reporting, Stella McCartney was able to identify cotton sources in Turkey that were facing increased environmental risk.

Other brands and retailers — including Adidas, Allbirds, H&M Group and Inditex — are also using the tool. The platform was developed by Google and WWF, and is being expanded under the external council of global experts reviewed the GFIE methodology.

With the initial development phase complete, Google and WWF are now working on expanding the tool to include more fibre types and regions.

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### Google partners with Stella McCartney on responsible sourcing platform

By Rachel Douglass 23 Nov 2021

Google has launched its Global Fibre Impact Explorer, a tool to provide companies with data needed to make more informed sourcing decisions. The programme was developed in partnership with Stella McCartney, WWF, Textile Exchange and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

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It is called the Global Fibre Impact Explorer and will be used by brands to assess the risks of their textile fiber portfolio. Currently only available to brands that funded it, such as Stella McCartney, it will be accessible from 2022.

The Global Fibre Impact Explorer combines the technical capabilities of Google Earth Engine and Google Cloud AI with data from WWF, Textile Exchange and the Sustainable Apparel Coalition to provide brands with a comprehensive view of their supply chain's environmental impact.

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## About Textile Exchange and SAC



Climate action starts at the source of the materials we choose.

That's why at Textile Exchange, we're guiding a global community of brands, manufacturers and growers towards more purposeful production from the very start of the textile supply chain.

Our goal is to help the global textile industry achieve a 45% reduction in the emissions that come from producing fibers and raw materials by 2030. To get there, we're keeping our focus holistic and interconnected, accelerating the adoption of practices that improve the state of our water, soil health and biodiversity too.

For real change to happen, everyone needs a clear path to positive impact. So, we set out to inspire and equip leaders within the fashion and textile industry with resources and guidance that make choosing responsible materials the accessible default.

We believe that approachable, step-by-step instruction amplified by collective action can change the system. We're helping to do just that through our certified standards, industry-wide benchmarking and unique platform to advance proven solutions.

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The SAC is a global, multi-stakeholder non-profit alliance for the fashion industry. It's made up of more than 250 leading apparel, footwear, and textile brands, retailers, suppliers, service providers, trade associations, non-profits, NGOs, and academic institutions working to reduce environmental impact and promote social justice throughout the global value chain.

The Coalition has developed the Higg Index, a suite of tools that standardizes value chain sustainability measurements for all industry participants. These tools measure environmental and social labor impacts across the value chain. With this data, the industry can identify hotspots, continuously improve sustainability performance, and achieve the environmental and social transparency that consumers are demanding. By joining forces as a Coalition, we can address the urgent, systemic challenges that are impossible to tackle alone.

[ApparelCoalition.org](https://ApparelCoalition.org)





## Thank You

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to all **conference speakers** for sharing their wealth of knowledge with our community.

A special thank you to **Carlotta Cataldi** for the inspiring graphics that are shared within this report and to our conference moderator, **Phil Hadridge**.

Thank you to all **Textile Exchange Members and attendees** who participated virtually in the conference, making it memorable and meaningful for many people from around the world.

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