



Dear all,

Welcome to this month's newsletter, featuring a selection of sustainable textiles news curated to uplift and inspire you for the month ahead.

This month's issue explores the latest developments in the textile sector, featuring exciting news and opportunities for July. This month, UNEP is delighted to announce we are expanding our textiles team with two new positions, don't miss the chance to apply (more info about the positions below). If you missed any crucial webinars, catch up with our curated list of past events, publications, and resources to add to your vacation reading list!

As always, we appreciate your ongoing contributions and we look forward to sharing your resources in this newsletter, and on our website. Don't hesitate to contact us if there is something you would like to share.

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## UNEP Career Opportunities

The poster features a blue background with a white arc at the top. On the left is the UN logo and the text 'UN VOLUNTEERS'. On the right is the UN logo and the text 'UN environment programme'. In the center, the text reads 'JOIN UNEP AS A UN VOLUNTEER' in large yellow letters, followed by 'We are looking for young professionals to help solve the triple planetary crisis.' Below this, three people (two men and one woman) are shown from behind, wearing blue t-shirts with the slogan 'We are inspiration in action'. The background has a light blue gradient with two yellow stars. At the bottom left is a globe icon and the text 'More information: www.unv.org'. At the bottom right is a white box with the text '2024 Young Talent Pipeline'.

### Join the UNEP-UNV Young Talent Pipeline! Sustainable Textiles Specialist

Are you passionate about sustainable textiles and environmental leadership? Join the [UNEP-UNV Young Talent Pipeline](#). UNEP is seeking dynamic individuals under 33 years of age from Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Asia-Pacific, or Africa. This programme offers a paid 12-month assignment at UNEP's headquarters in Nairobi, starting November 2024. Ideal candidates should have knowledge of chemicals in textiles, fashion communication and marketing, textile standards, or similar areas. Do you think this could suit you or someone you

know? Share or apply [here](#) by 8 August 2024 to embark on a transformative journey and make a global impact!

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UNEP is seeking a senior Programme Management Officer with expertise in the textile industry for a position based in Paris. Initially offered for one year with the possibility of extension, the role requires a minimum of seven years of progressively responsible experience in project or programme management, administration, or a related area. Desirable qualifications include experience in the private sector, such as implementing upstream innovation and solutions to reduce textile overproduction, overconsumption, pollution reduction, or managing projects in developing countries focused on reducing textile pollution. The deadline for applications is 2 August 2024. Apply [here](#).

## Upcoming Events



UNEP is hosting the webinar "**Shifting Modes: UNEP's Action on Fashion and Textile**" on Tuesday 6 August, which will introduce UNEP's efforts in the fashion and textiles sector, with a focus on West Asia. The event will feature a panel discussion on the **West Asia Sustainable Fashion Accelerator** pilot in collaboration with **Haya Magazine**, and promote UNEP's survey on the region (more information below), as well as collaboration amongst a network of industry stakeholders for greater sustainability and circularity in the region. Register for the webinar [here](#).



The **National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa** (NCPC-SA), in collaboration with the **Centre for African Resource Efficiency and Sustainability** (CARES), invites textile SMEs to the '**Green Finance Workshop for SMEs in the Textile Sector**' on 6 August. The workshop will cover green finance solutions relevant to the textile industry, strategies for attracting commercial funding for sustainable projects, and successful case studies of green financing within the sector. This workshop is part of the [UNEP InTex](#) project, funded by the EU, which aims to disseminate green financing, raise awareness, and build capacity for circularity and eco-innovation among SMEs in the textile sector. South African SMEs in particular are welcomed to register by filling out this [form](#).

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Industry Stakeholder Surveys: Get Involved and Contribute Today

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**UNEP's Regional Office for West Asia** (UNEP ROWA) has launched a series of surveys to gather insights from fashion industry stakeholders in West Asia and assess the region's capacity to implement UNEP's [Global Roadmap](#) recommendations. Each survey is designed to take no longer than 10 minutes and is tailored for specific groups. Access the appropriate survey links by clicking the most relevant stakeholder type: [Brands & Retailers](#), [Communicators and Consumer Engagement Actors](#), [Financial Institutions](#), [Innovators & Recyclers](#), [Non-Governmental, Representative and Technical Organizations \(including Academia\)](#), [Policymakers](#), and [Raw Materials Producers & Manufacturers](#).



The [Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals](#) (IOMC), in collaboration with the Secretariat of the [Global Framework on Chemicals](#) (GFC), is conducting a global survey to support the development of a GFC implementation program on industry engagement and action along value chains. The survey aims to gather input on ongoing and planned efforts to implement the GFC while raising awareness among industry associations and companies about the GFC's five strategic objectives and 28 targets. Industry stakeholders across various sectors are encouraged to participate. The deadline for survey completion is 1 September 2024. Responses received by 25 August 2024 may be included in a preliminary highlight compilation at the 3rd Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability 5-6 September 2024. Access the survey [here](#).

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## Past Events



On 18 July 2024, the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) held a webinar to announce the launch of their new ‘Circular Economy as an Enabler for Responsible Banking’ report series. Amongst others, UNEP FI released the report ‘[Circular Solutions to Achieve Climate Targets in the Textile Sector](#)’ as a guidance on textiles with the supplementary report ‘[Leveraging the Nexus between Circularity and Sustainability Impact](#)’. The textile guidance report aims to assist financial institutions by identifying circular solutions to reduce the environmental impacts of the textile sector and support their climate transition strategies. The webinar featured speakers from Bocconi University, Intesa

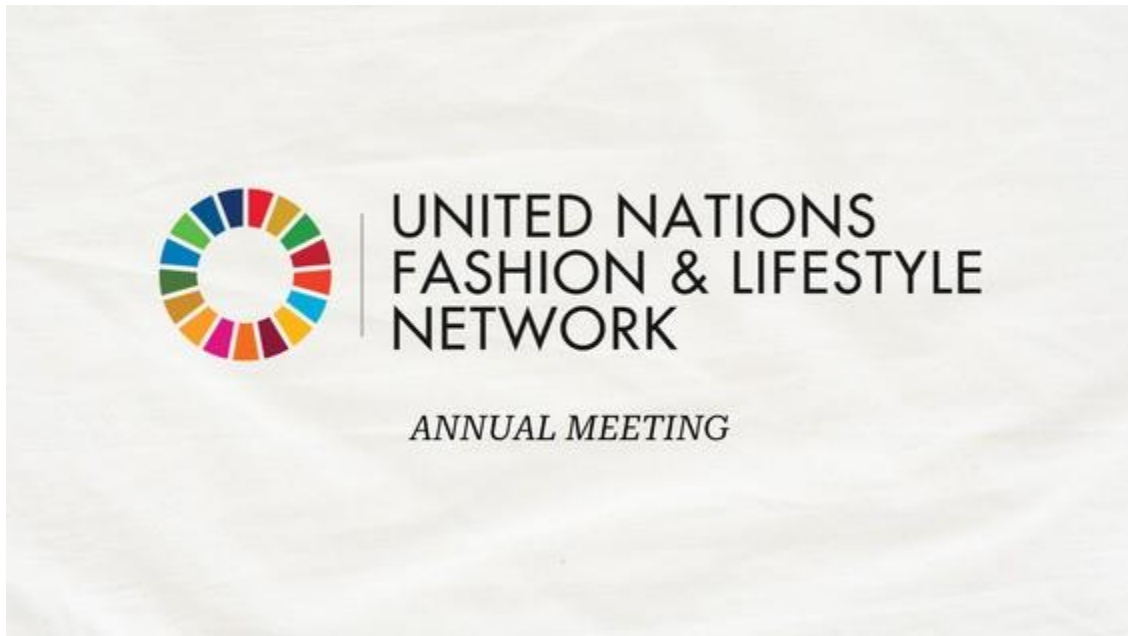


Sanpaolo Innovation Center, ABN Amro, The Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd., the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Arup, and UNEP FI. Find more of UNEP FI's guidance's [here](#) and watch the recorded webinar [here](#) for insights on actionable strategies for responsible banking.

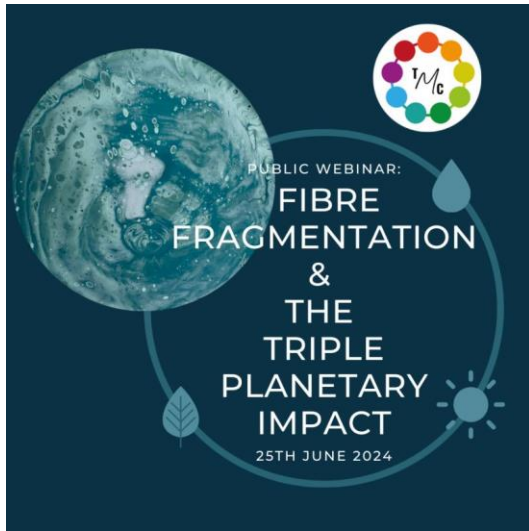


On Wednesday 19 June, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) held the event "Vision & Visibility: Scaling transparency" to assess the implementation of the [Sustainability Pledge initiative](#). Bringing together stakeholders from 28 countries to discuss traceability, transparency, and circularity in the textile industry, topics included Digital Product Passports (DPP), used clothing trade, and sustainable fashion. You can view the event recording [here](#). Following the event, UNECE launched two key reports: "[Sustainability Pledge 3-Year Monitoring Report](#)," which reviews efforts to enhance transparency and traceability in garment and footwear value chains, and "[Reversing Direction in the Used Clothing Crisis](#)," which examines the shift from natural fibres to fast fashion, leading to a growing

second-hand clothing market valued with major exports from the Global North to the Global South.



The third edition of the **UN Fashion and Lifestyle Network** annual meeting, organized by the **United Nations Office for Partnerships** and the **Fashion Impact Fund**, at the United Nations Trusteeship Chamber took place on 3 June at UNHQ in New York. The meeting convened advisory committee members, registered partnerships, industry stakeholders, leaders, media, and UN representatives to showcase SDG progress and enhance engagement. Speakers this year included representatives from Calik Denim, Condé Nast, Lenzing, Messe Frankfurt Textpertise Network, Recover, Swarovski, The LYCRA Company, UNESCO, US Cotton Trust Protocol and the Wall Street Journal. Watch the meeting recording [here](#).



[The Microfibre Consortium](#) (TMC) held the webinar '**An Introduction to Fibre Fragmentation & The Triple Planetary Impact**' on 25 June.

Including stakeholders across the global fashion and textiles supply chain the webinar explored issues concerning microfibre pollution, including the latest scientific developments, outlining the three planetary crises the world faces of climate change, nature loss, and pollution and waste, and providing next steps to taking action.

Additionally, UNEP's Bettina Heller presented the [roadmap](#) on sustainability and circularity in the textile value chain and discussed the three priorities identified to shift the needle towards circularity. Watch the event recording [here](#).

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The **Miss Earth Kenya** event was held on Wednesday 17 July as part of the Miss Earth International series, which seeks individuals dedicated to environmental advocacy in Kenya and beyond. Contestants were trained by UNEP on sustainable fashion advocacy based on the principles highlighted in the [Sustainable Fashion Communication Playbook](#), as well as on sustainable textiles by Moi University, UNEP's Kenyan partner for the InTex project, funded by the European Union.

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NAVIGATING THE REGULATORY LANDSCAPE:  
Audit fatigue in the garment  
and textile industry



The **International Trade Centre (ITC)** in collaboration with the **Social & Labor Convergence Program (SLCP)** released the report '**Navigating the Regulatory Landscape: Audit fatigue in the garment and textile industry**' on 4 July 2024. The report, funded by the **European Union**, examines the impact of garment and apparel facilities owning their social and labour assessment data to help improve practices, save resources, and comply with new regulatory requirements. The report highlights the SLCP as a case study for reducing audit fatigue and aligning industry standards, highlighting the importance of effective management systems for SMEs and alignment among standards. Read the full report [here](#).

In case you know of other people interested in receiving our news, feel free to [share this link](#) to sign up for our textiles newsletter. You can find our previous newsletter editions [here](#).

This newsletter forms part of the [UNEP Textile Initiative](#) that encompasses and aligns all UNEP work on textiles to provide strategic leadership and encourage sector-wide collaboration to accelerate a just transition towards a sustainable and circular textile value chain.