



9th GLOBAL FOOTWEAR SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2021

20th – 21st October GFSS Digital Edition

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Dear Delegates:

Welcome to the 9th Global Footwear Sustainability Summit!

Since 2012, the Global Footwear Sustainability Summit (GFSS) brings together diverse speakers and participants from the global footwear industry to discuss latest trends and compelling questions regarding sustainability. The topic's relevance has increased even more with recent media coverage and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. With this in mind, the 2021 GFSS will focus on 7 pillars of the industry: chemicals, materials, manufacturing technology, packaging & logistic, retail, recycling & upcycling and green finance.

The 2021 edition of the Global Sustainability Summit is a **2-Day Digital Summit** featuring engaging speakers from all sectors of the footwear industry and thought-provoking panel discussions. It is a get-together for footwear industry stakeholders, experts, and pioneers in the sustainability field. Attendees will gain insights into the latest industry trends, sustainable solutions, opportunities, inspiration and ideas to incorporate in their sustainable footwear business.

Virtual mingling sessions offer participants the opportunity to network, discuss new ideas and more with fellow stakeholders of the 7 industry pillars that are the focus of the Global Footwear Sustainability Summit this year.

We'd be pleased to see you at the summit!

Sincerely,

Global Footwear Sustainability Summit Committee



DAY ONE Wednesday 20th October

1:30 pm Introduction Sessions in Mingling Rooms

2:30 pm Welcoming Words by William Wong

Global Trends in the Footwear Industry


From raw material to logistics, all parts of the footwear industry are influenced by global trends, such as increased drive for sustainability, impacts of the pandemic and manufacturing cost increase. Actors who push sustainability further are able to achieve great things. The first session will provide an overview of current trends in the industry through the lens of speakers from five countries.


2:40 pm European Achievements on Sustainability in the Footwear Industry Manfred Junkert

3:05 pm Sustainability in the Portuguese Footwear Sector – Good Practices in a Rising Footwear Manufacturing Hub Joana Catarino

3:30 pm Footwear Manufacturing in Bangladesh – Trends and Opportunities for Growth and Sustainability Syed Nasim Manzur


3:55 pm Panel Discussion:
 Navigating New Waters – Where Are We Heading As An Industry?
 Moderator: Luigi Grosso Allen Lai
 Bruno Forcione (TBC)
 Dr. Gerhard Nickolaus





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DAY ONE Wednesday 20th October

4:45 pm Intermission

Digitalization & Innovation Enhancing Sustainable Supply Chains

Digitalization and innovation are key tools to develop solutions and enhance sustainability in footwear supply chains. They can improve products, reduce impact and facilitate various processes. Both are also essential for sustainable and long-term business growth and often give the crucial edge over competitors. The second session introduces latest developments in digitalization and traceability and the positive impact these can have on sustainable supply chains

4:55 pm Digitalization of Traceability Candice Wang

5:20 pm Sustainable Trends In Animal Based Industries – Ethics & Innovation Thomas Wong

5:45 pm 3D Printing & Future Manufacturing Production Line Automation Design Allen Lai


6:10 pm Panel Discussion:
New Horizons - Where Is Tech Innovation in Footwear Taking Us?
Moderator: Syed Nasim Manzur Andreas Tepest
Bob Lloyd (TBC)
Diep Thanh Kiet
Allen Lai


7:00 pm Conclusion & Mingling Sessions


8:00 pm End of Day One




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DAY TWO Thursday 21st October

1:30 pm Mingling Sessions

Upgrading & Eco-innovation

Eco-Innovation has high potential to upgrade materials and processes in the footwear sector. As the industry faces the future, forward-thinking companies and individuals are re-imagining the status-quo and developing new ways of doing things. With sustainable innovation in the footwear industry, who knows how far we can go.


2:30 pm Waste Reduction - Where does Material Waste from Shoe Production Go? **Georg Gobec**

2:55 pm Developments in Recycled PET – Experiences From the Real World **Melanie Fuerch**


3:20 pm Trends in Global Footwear Innovation and Research **Edwin Keh**

3:45 pm Panel Discussion: Sustainable Footwear Innovation – Where does the journey go?
Moderator: **Matteo Pasca** **Melanie Fuerch**
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4:25 pm Intermission





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Fast-Changing Legal Framework


The fast-changing stakeholder environment creates challenges and opportunities for businesses in the footwear sector. Rising stakeholder expectations and new legislations regarding due diligence in global supply chains create demanding requirements. By getting ready for upcoming changes, businesses can turn this into an opportunity for themselves. The final session discusses latest changes to the legal framework impacting the global footwear industry and how companies can prepare for them.


4:35 pm	Overview of Changes in Global Framework	Karl Borgschulze
5:00 pm	Introduction of German Due Diligence in Supply Chains Act	Dr. Ines Anderie
5:25 pm	Modern Sustainability Management of Global Footwear Supply Chains	Dr. Michael Arretz
5:50 pm	Latest changes to the ZDHC Framework	Lydia Lin
6:15 pm	Panel Discussion: Ride the Tide – How to Leverage Sustainability for Business Growth <i>Moderator: William Wong</i>	Lydia Lin Robert Hiley Karl Borgschulze Dr. Ines Anderie
6:55 pm	Conclusions	
7:00 pm	Mingling Sessions	
8:00 pm	End of Event	





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