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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 Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) is a member of IFOAM Organics International and the IFOAM EU Group. It is a not-for-profit (gemeinnützige) organisation based in Germany with Regional Representatives in China, Germany/Austria/Switzerland, Japan, India/Bangladesh, Turkey, UK and USA/ Canada. The Standard - GOTS - is recognised and endorsed by IFOAM - Organics International (IFOAM requests governments to refrain from establishing other national organic textile processing standards). The Standard has been developed with close multi-stakeholder engagement in a transparent way.

Event Background:

The GOTS Pre-Conference to 19th Organic World Congress (OWC) in India provides the ideal opportunity to review and discuss social impacts of organic textile processing globally and in the Indian region - the world leader in organic textile processing. This Pre-Conference will help to create and develop successful partnerships for further actions on critical areas in field of social compliances needing urgent action.

Conference Theme:

GOTS Pre-Conference, with the theme 'Social compliance issues in the organic textile supply chain', shall provide a great opportunity to debate the priorities for action in the context of the IFOAM-Organics International (IFOAM OI) Organic World Congress and the vital Organic 3.0

debate initiated by IFOAM OI. The pre-conference shall discuss and debate issues like living wages, management of compliance, modern slavery, etc. The conclusions from the pre-conference shall be presented in Track 7.A of the 19th OWC.

Position in India:

- India is the leader in both organic cotton cultivation and processing, with the largest number of GOTS certified facilities in the world.
- Though social conditions in Indian textile industry are generally known to be better than its immediate neighbours, much more needs to be done to tackle consistently continuing issues like child labour, discrimination, payment of minimum wages etc.
- So far, India has ratified six out of the eight core labour standards (Nos. 29, 100, 105, 111, 138 and 182), three out of the four "Governance" Conventions (Nos. 81, 122 and 144) and 38 out of the 177 Technical Conventions.

About 19th Organic World Congress (OWC)

OWC is a series of international conferences organised by International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) held every three years in different parts of the world. 19th OWC is scheduled to be held in Greater Noida, India on 9th- 11th Nov 2017. The Congress shall hold a series of discussions and debates by leaders from the organic movement on how we can best promote and implement the organic agenda. The theme for congress is 'Global Adoption of Organic Principles for Truly Sustainable Agriculture'. Diverse topics with relevance to global and local progress would be discussed in the three days discourse. Track 7.A of the congress is focussed on Organic Textiles and Body Care Products and shall discuss 'Challenges and opportunities for the development of organic textiles and cosmetics'. For more information on the congress, please visit the official website <https://owc.ifoam.bio/2017/owc>

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Tentative Conference Agenda:

Session 1:

History and Overview of Social Compliances

Moderator: Christopher Stopes

Social Criteria in Organic: History of the Organic Movement's commitment and action on social issues: Joelle Katto-Andrighetto, IFOAM

Overview of Social Criteria in Sustainability Standards (tbc)

Questions and Discussions

Session 2:

Challenges in Social Compliance

Moderator: to be confirmed

Living Wages - ISEAL Global Living Wage Coalition (tbc)

Land Grabbing: Simon Ferrigno

Dealing with Non-Compliances in Social Aspects (tbc)

Session 3:

Beyond Certification

Moderator: Rahul Bhajekar

Beyond Certification: Is Certification Outdated? By Critic (tbc)

Beyond Certification: Is Certification Outdated? By Supporter: Avedis Seferian, WRAP

Panel Discussion

Session 4:

Besides Certification

Moderator: Herbert Ladwig

Social Fingerprint System of Social Accountability International (SAI)

Social Compliance Management System & Examples:

Other Systems & Methods Besides Certification (tbc)

Summing Up (Feed into the IFOAM 19th Organic World Conference): Herbert Ladwig

Who Should Attend?

- Senior CSR Managers and HR Representatives selling and buying companies (Farmers, Manufacturers, Exporters, Brands, Retailers)
- Govt. and Non-govt. organisations in field of labour relations
- Certification Bodies and Standard Setters - social compliance related
- Standard Accreditation Bodies
- Labour Union Representatives

Past International Events organized by GOTS:

1st International GOTS Conference

The first International GOTS Conference, held in Mumbai, India on May 22, 2015, was attended by more than 250 representatives from 12 countries including Bangladesh, Belgium, France, India, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Taiwan, USA, UAE, and the UK. Attendees included brands and retailers, buying agents, manufacturers of textiles and additives, certification bodies, testing laboratories, trade associations, NGOs, academics, media, consultants, and more. The congregation initiated new partnerships and valuable discussions. The event received excellent feedback from the attendees for the quality of sessions and speakers, as well as networking opportunities. For an overview of the conference and download presentations, visit <http://www.global-standard.org/gots-conferences-and-meetings/gotsconference.html>.

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| Silver | INR 200,000 Euro 3.000 | 1 | Full-Page Colour Inside Page | Backdrop, Signage, Website | No | No | No |

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