

# GOTS India Seminar 2018

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

(Date of draft: 15<sup>th</sup> May)

09:00 - 9:45	<b>Registration</b>
9:45 - 10:00	<b>Welcome Address</b> Sumit Gupta, Seminar Coordinator
10:00 - 11:00	<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.  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. Madhav Lohia, Brand Head, SoulSpace (RCM)</li></ol>
11:00 - 11:45	Break - Tea and Coffee

<b>11:45 - 13:15</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> Prasad Pant, Director- South Asia, ZDHC Foundation</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</li> <li>2. Green Dyehouse Management: D. Subaashkumaar, Vice President, Anugraha Fashion Mill Pvt Ltd</li> <li>3. Guidance for ZDHC Tools and Risk Based Testing for textiles &amp; chemical inputs: Prasad Pant, Director- South Asia, ZDHC Foundation</li> </ol>
13:15 - 14:30	Buffet Lunch
<b>14:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Session 3</b>
	<p><b>Efficiency through Social Compliance</b> Presentations and Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Herbert Ladwig, Policy and Legal Advisor, GOTS, Germany.</p> <p>Health &amp; Safety are getting higher importance in International standards as well as legal frameworks over the world. This session discusses the opportunities for businesses and governments when they work towards better working conditions. Besides, we also see practical examples on how effective management of social compliance leads to business efficiency for industry.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inherent social benefits of organic farming: RS Balagurunathan, Founder, Anandi Enterprises</li> <li>2. Better HR practices for business efficiency, A Case Study: A Narayansamy, General Manager, Armstrong Spinning Mills</li> <li>3. Third party audits as a tool for better social compliance: Mona Gupta, Founder Director, Sutradhara</li> <li>4. Auditing for GOTS Social Compliance: Dr Binay Choudhury, Chairman, CU Inspections and Certifications India Pvt. Ltd</li> </ol>
16:00 - 16:30	Break - Tea and Coffee

<b>16:30 - 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</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 International, Germany</li> <li>2. Dr Pankaj Desai, Head- Research &amp; Development, Colourtex</li> <li>3. Dr Rajesh Ramamurthy, Head - Product Stewardship Asia, Archroma</li> <li>4. Dr Siva Pariti, Global Technical Program Manager, Sustainable Textile Solutions</li> <li>5. Shriram Atgur, Head- Sustainability &amp; Product Stewardship, AEON 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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