

Sustainability and Circularity in the Textile Value Chain

Meeting: Trade, Sustainable Development and Circular Economy in the Textiles Sector: Perspectives on Trade in Second Hand Textiles

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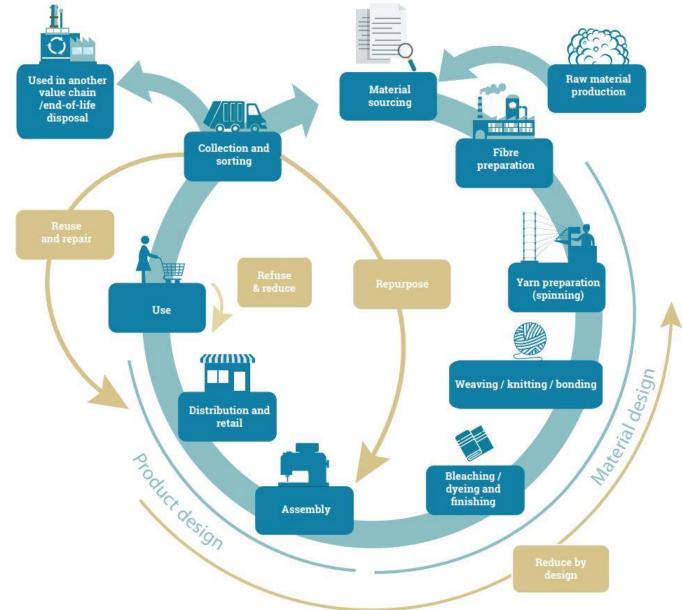
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Towards a circular textile value chain







Three priorities to deliver system change









Shifting Consumption Patterns

Optimising design, business models and consumer behaviour

Improved Practices

Optimising practices and behaviour in existing sites, companies and processes

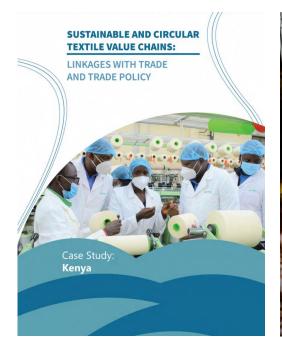
Infrastructure Investment

Investing in shared physical technology

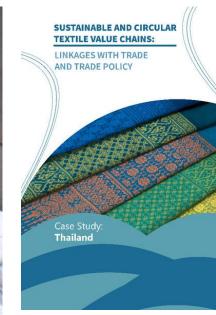
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Circularity and Used Textile Trade Project

The project aims to identify key policy, financing, investment and regulatory priorities for trade and policy reforms and financing options, which enable this transformative change.

Funded by the European Union.

Read more about the project:



Case studies on how trade and trade policy can foster sustainable & circular textiles

Kenya



Thailand:











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The clothing and textiles sector matters for global and local economies, representing millions in jobs and US\$1.

At the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), governments called for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to facilitate a Global Textiles Policy Dialogue, aiming to create a space enprouser powerpants to foster circulative arross the value chain.

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Global Textiles Policy Dialogue

Recognizing the urgency of scaling up policy efforts that minimize negative impacts of the textile value chain on nature, people and economies, the **Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and Türkiye Ministry of Trade**, with support from UNEP, convened a high-level UNEA-6 side event:

"Connecting the Threads: A coordinated policy response to transform the textile value chain and offer solutions which preserve nature"

Read more:

https://www.unep.org/technical-highlight/governments-call-global-textiles-policy-dialogue



