

THE FASHION INDUSTRY CHARTER FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The [UN Climate Change Initiative](#) continues promoting the [Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action](#) which contains the vision to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The Fashion Industry Charter was launched at COP24 in Katowice (Poland) in December 2018 and renewed at COP26 in Glasgow (United Kingdom), in November 2021.



Since it was set up, more than 130 companies and suppliers from around the world in all sectors of the fashion industry have joined the Charter, highlighting that many actors are assuming responsibility for reducing emissions and ensuring that their impact on the climate is minimized.

It is estimated that the fashion industry contributes to [between 2 and 4 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions](#) due to its long supply chains and energy intensive production. Furthermore, the fashion industry produces about 20 per cent of global wastewater, while 85 per cent of textiles end up in landfills or are incinerated when most of these materials could be reused. Overall, the industry consumes more energy than the aviation and shipping industry combined, which highlights the importance of emissions reductions across the sector.

Considering the effect the fashion industry has on the climate, during 2018 and under the auspices of the UN Climate Change Initiative, fashion stakeholders worked to identify ways in which the broader textile, clothing and fashion industry can move towards a holistic commitment to climate action.

The Charter's main goal is to drive the fashion industry to net-zero emissions no later than 2050. It offers a collective plan for decarbonizing the fashion industry bringing together all stakeholders at the same table and delivering change.

In particular, each company signing the Charter commits to: secure 100% of electricity from renewable sources with minimal other environmental or social impacts, for owned and operated emissions by 2030 and ensure that 100% of the materials chosen are of low climate impact by 2030, also ensuring that these do not negatively affect other sustainable development goals. This includes pursuing materials that are closed loop recycled, deforestation free and conversion free in their origins, adopting regenerative practices, and that relevant verification and impact measurement mechanisms have been applied.

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THE CHARTER HAS CREATED A NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS TO LEAD WORK IN KEY AREAS INCLUDING:

- Decarbonization pathway
- Raw materials
- Manufacturing / energy
- Policy engagement
- Financial tools
- Promoting broader climate action
- Logistics
- Brand / retailer owned or operated emissions

Several of these working groups are also working on addressing data and measurement gaps in the fashion industry, for example the raw materials and manufacturing working groups. The results of these workstreams will help fill in the gaps and challenges for the industry in measuring GHGs and setting targets.

The Industry Charter specifies the areas to be further developed by specific [Working Groups](#), including actions to gain political commitment, build on existing tools and initiatives, and promote broader climate action.

The Fashion Industry Charter is conceived as a tool for Climate Action. Following the results achieved, with its Working Groups, the initiative will identify and amplify best practices, strengthen existing efforts, identify and address gaps, facilitate and strengthen collaboration among relevant stakeholders join resources and share tools to enable the sector to achieve its climate targets.

The [Playbook document](#) published for public information purposes by the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) offers a broad presentation of the issues addressed by the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action, the risks the sector faces and the opportunities that arise from its application.

The initiative's website also invites the participants to circulate information sending the [Fashion Charter Guide](#) to new brands and retailers encouraging them to participate. Any company (a brand, a retailer or a supplier) that is professionally engaged in the fashion sector and can commit to the Charter principles can participate by sending a Letter of Commitment signed by the CEO-level, to UN Climate Change. Signatories pledge at the head-of-organization level to reach zero GHGs as soon as possible and by 2050 at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5C. They explain what steps will be taken toward achieving net zero, especially in the short to medium term. These plans then need to be submitted to the UN Climate Change and signatories should demonstrate actions that have been taken on an annual basis.

The initiative also invites other Organizations professionally engaged in the fashion sector to participate and contribute to this work as Supporting Organizations.

Since 2018, the Fashion Industry Charter initiative has recorded a great success involving more than 130 companies and suppliers from all over the world, including important and well-known brands. This initiative, however, also creates a very favorable context for all small businesses, cooperatives and communities working in this sector around the world. With its actions, it raises awareness among policy makers and consumers about the importance of sustainable fashion to reduce the serious negative impact on the environment and to promote the development of materials, products, and consumption options that respect and enhance the natural resources of rural areas and generate added value for local economies.

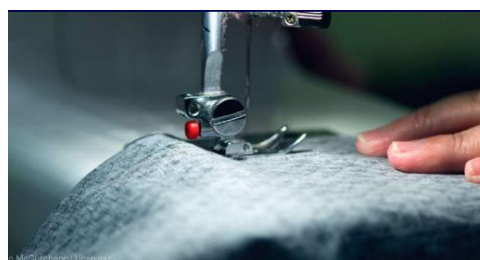
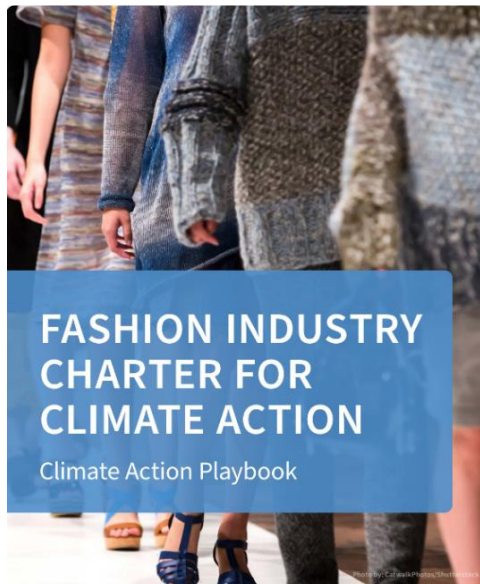
In the [Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Change](#) webpage all the information necessary to participate in this important initiative is made available.

To know more

[Fashion Industry Charter website](#)

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[Playbook Document in unfccc.int](#)

[Fashion on Climate in globalfashionagenda.com](#)

[Cotton Pet Report.pdf in unfccc.int](#)

[Swedish Textile Initiative report in sustainablefashionacademy.org](#)

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