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BUILDING SUSTAINABLE APPAREL AND AGRIBUSINESS VALUE CHAINS

TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) ON COMPLIANCE WITH SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORKS IN THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL SECTOR

29 April – 1 May 2025, Yerevan

AGENDA

The need for sustainability in the textile and apparel industry is urgent due to its significant impact on the environment and society. The industry is one of the largest global polluters, contributing substantially to water pollution, waste generation, and carbon emissions.

The Armenian textile and apparel sector is vital for the country's economy. However, just like in other countries, it faces significant challenges related to environmental impact, social equity, and economic sustainability. Embracing sustainable practices is not only a necessity but also a tremendous opportunity for Armenian SMEs to thrive in a competitive global market. Having a strong local technical expertise in implementing sustainable production practices is key in enabling Armenian SMEs to adopt these practices.

Training of Trainers on sustainability standards compliance targets experts and practitioners in the Armenian textile and apparel sector and aims to equip them with the practical knowledge on responsible sourcing, sustainability standards and ESG frameworks, social and labour compliance, sustainability-related regulations in the EU and elsewhere (including corporate sustainability due diligence), resource efficiency and circular economy principles in the textile and apparel sector.

The training will also prepare the participants to support SMEs in the textile and apparel sector on compliance with sustainability standards using ITC Standards Map tool and proven methodological approach.

Note: participants are expected to bring their computers to the training.

Working language of the training: English

Day 1 - 29 April 2025 – Workshop

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Yerevan City Centre

8:30 Arrival and registration

9:00 Welcome remarks, introduction of the training



- 9:30 Textile and apparel sector overview
- 10:00 Key sustainability issues in the textile and apparel sector
- 10:30 Industry initiatives
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:00 Sustainability-related regulations in the EU and elsewhere, due diligence principles
- 11:30 Sustainability standards, social audits and certifications
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Sustainability standards, social audits and certifications (cont.)
- 14:00 Company practices and standards
- 14:30 Using ITC Standards Map to navigate sustainability standards
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 Presentation by Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)
- 16:30 Practical exercise
- 17:00 Q&A
- 17:30 Closing of Day 1

Day 2 - 30 April 2025 – Workshop
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Yerevan City Centre

- 8:30 Arrival and registration
- 9:00 Internal Management Systems for compliance with VSS
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:15 Group exercise using a case study
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Group exercise using a case study (cont.)
- 13:30 Presenting group results
- 14:00 ITC tool on compliance with sustainability standards
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 Group exercise using a case study (cont.)
- 16:30 Presenting group results



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17:00 Individual assessment

17:30 Closing of Day 2

Day 3 – 1 May 2025 – Field visit

Location: Elina LLC, <https://elina.am/> , 49 street, Arinj B, district 3, Kotayk region
https://maps.app.goo.gl/34YrZrZhmPuJRnd96?g_st=iw

Travel: each participant is requested to arrange his/her own transportation to the field (visit starts at 10:00)

10:00 – 12:00 Field Visit to Elina LLC

Established in 2010, Elina started in a small apartment and moved to a dedicated garment facility in 2020, producing and selling women's wear under its own brand.

The field visit aims for participants to understand how standards requirements and IMS are implemented in practice.

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