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EVENT INVITATION

A COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATION: THE SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE PLATFORM FOR PAKISTAN

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📍 HORNSGATAN 15, STOCKHOLM

NOVEMBER 19
9:45 - 11:15 AM



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You are invited to a productive dialogue on the Sustainable Textile Platform in Pakistan.



Fair Action invites you to join us for a stimulating discussion on the Sustainable Textile Platform in Pakistan, initiated by Business Sweden together with the Swedish Embassy, H&M, IKEA, and Atlas Copco. A just transition requires all perspectives - this event opens up discussions on this new initiative with different stakeholders perspectives. By including representatives from civil society and rights holders from Pakistan, we aim to contribute to discussion for a more equitable and inclusive textile industry.

To enrich this conversation, we have invited Khalid Mahmood from The Labour Education Foundation in Pakistan and David Hachfeld from Public Eye in Switzerland to share their insights and perspectives. Joining them will be Max Schäaf from Business Sweden and Ulrika Sandberg from Worldfavor, who will contribute their expertise to the discussion.

Panel Participants:

- Moderator: **Anna Stenvinkel**, Secretary General at ForumCiv
- **Max Schäaf**: Consultant – International Trade Development at Business Sweden
- **Khalid Mahmood**: Director of Labour Education Foundation Pakistan
- **David Hachfeld**: Research and Policy Advisor from Public Eye Switzerland
- **Ulrika Sandberg**: Senior Sustainability Advisor, expert in business and human rights, Worldfavor

Agenda:

- **9:45 - 10:00 AM**: Fika and mingling
- **10:00 - 11:00 AM**: Presentation by Max Schäaf on the Sustainable Textile Initiative and panel discussion
- **11:00 - 11:15 AM**: Q&A session

Please RSVP latest **November 12**, using this [registration form](#).

About Fair Action

Fair Action is a Swedish non-profit organization dedicated to promoting corporate responsibility. We work to ensure that Swedish companies take responsibility for their impact on people and the environment. We achieve this through auditing, dialogue, and by disseminating information about companies' sustainability practices. We also collaborate with trade unions, rights holders, and civil society organizations.



Background

The Swedish Embassy in Islamabad has launched a Sustainable Textile Platform in Pakistan to bring together local and Swedish stakeholders in the textile industry, including production companies, large Pakistani firms, and Swedish fashion and technology companies. This initiative aligns with the private sector's Scandinavian Textile Initiative for Climate Action (STICA).

The textile and clothing industry is a significant contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, estimated to be between 2% and 8%. Unless significant changes are made, these emissions are projected to increase. Beyond global environmental impacts, the industry also has local consequences, including pollution and social issues.

To address these challenges, coordinated efforts and collaboration among all stakeholders, from production to consumption, are crucial. Pakistan, as a leading textile producer and a major sourcing market for the Swedish fashion industry, offers a significant opportunity for sustainable change. The initiatives underway are commendable, and it's essential to discuss the conditions for their implementation, considering various perspectives, including those of workers and civil society.

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