

EU SMART Project Seminar

Thresholds and Fast Lanes on the Road Towards a More Sustainable Garment Industry

Questions for the EU SMART Seminar:

1. Which laws and regulations – that are applicable in your country to the production of (organic) cotton, the production of denim, the production of jeans (i.e. a ready-made garment product (RMG)), the retail of RMG and the recycling of RMG – promote (or hinder) the realization of ecological sustainability, social justice, and the application of human rights and international labor norms (i.e. ILO treaties)? The focus is on national, regional and municipality laws and regulations.
2. Which semi-legal and self-regulatory regimes and sustainability labels – that are applied in the international RMG value chain - promote (or hinder) the realization of ecological sustainability, social justice, and the application of human rights and international labor norms (i.e. ILO treaties)? The focus is especially on multi-stakeholder initiatives (MSI's), including international MSI's.
3. In your country, what are the challenges to implement and/or enforce the laws, regulations and self-regulatory regimes (discussed under 1. and 2.) to promote a better sustainability management by companies in the international RMG value chain?
4. What can you share about practical experience in regard of the questions 1-3?

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Program: 16th November 2017

09.00-09.30 **Introduction: The EU SMART International Research Project - Case Study 1 (analysis of the international life cycle of a pair of jeans – sustainability challenges)**
Prof. dr. Tineke Lambooy LL.M.
Nyenrode Business University, The Netherlands

09.30-12.00 **Parallel Session I - Moderated by Prof. dr. Tineke Lambooy LL.M.**

Country presentations on identified legislative thresholds or accelerators of sustainable behavior in the international RMG value chain - India, Turkey, Bangladesh and The Netherlands

max. 20 minutes per presentation and 5 minutes Q & A

1. Organic cotton – Rules and challenges in India

Mrs. Geeta Menon, LL.M, Legal practitioner at Pramila Associates, Bangalore, India

2. The five most challenging sustainability norms for entrepreneurs in the cotton industry in India

*Mr. Prof. Dr. Arunaditya Sahay, Dean (Research)
Bimtec Birla Institute of Management Technology, Greater Noida, UP, India*

3. Sustainability challenges of fast fashion: environmental, social and human rights impacts of cotton growing and textile industry in Turkey

*Mrs. Assist. Prof. Dr. Elif Oral, Post-doc researcher
TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara, Turkey*

10.45-11.00

Short Break

4. International sustainability self-regulatory and certification standards, and the challenges of embedding them in the production processes in Bangladesh

*Mr. Md. Ashadujjaman, Lecturer (AMT) and researcher
BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh*

5. Presentation on labour norms in Dutch retail business: hotspot or not?

*Mrs. R. van 't Foort-Diepeveen, PhD researcher and lecturer
Nyenrode Business University, The Netherlands*

12.00-13.00

Lunch break

13.00-15.00 **Parallel Session II - Moderated by Prof. dr. Tineke Lambooy LL.M.**

Country presentations on identified legislative thresholds or accelerators of sustainable behavior in the international RMG value chain - in Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Netherlands

6. RMG manufacturing in Bangladesh: implementation status of Bangladesh labor law in the RMG Industry

(max. 20 minutes and 5 minutes Q & A)

Mr. Abdur Rakib, Lecturer and researcher

BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Presentations 7-12: max. 10 minutes each; Q&A after presentation 12

7. Presentation on environmental issues in recycling - laws of the Netherlands

Mr. B. Jansen, LL.M., PhD researcher and lecturer

Nyenrode Business University, the Netherlands

8. Transnational Agricultural Practices for Sustainability in Indonesia

Mrs. Dr. Nurul Barizah, Vice-Dean of Academic Affairs

Universitas Airlangga, Faculty of Law, Indonesia

9. Policy Model on Flexibility Labor Market in the Garment Industry in Indonesia

Mr. Dr. M. Hadi Shubhan & Mrs. Dr. Lanny Ramli, Lecturers and researchers

Universitas Airlangga, Faculty of Law, Indonesia

10. Environmental Issues in Indonesia's Garment/Apparel Industry

Mr. Dr. Iman Prihandono - Head of International Law Department

Universitas Airlangga, Faculty of Law, Indonesia

11. Highlights on Labor Condition of Garment Industry

Mr. Dr. Budi Santoso, Head of Private Law Department

Universitas Brawijaya, Faculty of Law, Indonesia

12. A Brief Review on Business and Corruption in Indonesia

Mr. Adnan Topan Husodo, LL.M., Researcher

Indonesia Corruption Watch (ICW)

Q & A for presentations 7-12 (15 minutes)

15.00-15.15

Short Break

15.15-17.00 **Academic discussion with the presenters in the EU SMART stakeholders meeting - Moderated by Prof. dr. Tineke Lambooy LL.M.:**

1. To identify legislative hot spots
2. To identify solutions: amending the legislation, national or EU?
3. To identify what companies and their supply chain partners can do?
4. Discuss Joint academic publication in the journal Yuridica

Participants:

- Discussants from India: Geeta Menon (social and human rights) and Arunaditya Sahay (environmental)
- Discussants from Turkey: Elif Oral (social and human rights)
- Discussants from Bangladesh: Md. Ashadujjaman (self-regulatory norms) and Mr. Abdur Rakib (labor law)
- Discussants from Indonesia: Dr. Suparto Wijoyo (environmental law); Prof. Rahmi Jened (IPR); Dr. Radian Salman (legislation strategy)
- Discussants from the Netherlands: Rosalien Van 't Foort-Diepeveen (labor law and human rights); Bart Jansen (environmental law, Corruption)

17.00-18.00 **Plenary part of the ICLGG conference**

Closing Remarks and photo session
