Message from Conference Coordinator

Dear Attendees,

Good Morning!

Today is a proud moment for me, as the Conference Coordinator of 1^{st} International GOTS Conference. Organising this flagship event of GOTS was a learning and enriching experience for me and it also became a small journey from September 2014, when we started preparing for this conference.

All of you supported me in this journey and we saw the board 'Registrations Closed' on the website a good two weeks before the conference. We are having more than 250 attendees from 12 countries in this room. I appreciate the support extended by each one of you, which made this event possible.



I welcome you all to this event. We shall have presentations, discussions, questions and debates. The content has been designed to ensure maximum participation from all attendees. Therefore, you MUST ask questions; yearn for answers and solutions; share your experiences; criticise where necessary; but you must actively participate. And at last, if you don't get an answer, don't get disappointed, as it will keep the research going and will also give us something to discuss in next conference (!).

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Conference Agenda

08:00 - 09:00	Registration and Networking
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome: Lighting the Lamp Sumit Gupta, Conference Coordinator
09:15 - 09:30	Managing Director's Address Herbert Ladwig, GOTS Managing Director, Germany
09:30 - 09:45	Keynote Address: GOTS in the Indian Subcontinent – Sumit Gupta, Conference Coordinator & GOTS Representative in India and Bangladesh
09:45 - 11:00	Session 1:
	Storytelling: Brands' and Retailers' Business Case for Sustainability through GOTS Presentations
	Moderator: Claudia Kersten, GOTS Marketing Director, Germany Speakers
	 Charline Ducas, C&A Europe Dr. Ulrich Hofmann, Brands Fashion GmbH, Germany Shishir Goenka, Fusion Clothing Co., India
11:00 - 11:30	Networking Break - Tea and Coffee
11:30 - 13:00	Session 2:
	Going for GOTS Presentations Moderator: Marcus Bruegel, GOTS Technical Director, Germany
	Audit Checklist and Methods: Ecological and Social Compliance Dr. Binay Kumar Choudhury, General Manager, Control Union Inspections and Certifications India Pvt Ltd, India
	Risk Management in Chemical Use and Testing Rahul Bhajekar, Technical Committee, GOTS and General Manager, Hermes Eco Laboratories, India
	Labelling Organic Textiles- Legal conditions and GOTS Requirements Marcus Bruegel, GOTS Technical Director, Germany
13:00 - 14:30	Networking Buffet Lunch

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14:30 - 15:25	Session 3:
	Sustainability Standards: National or International? -The Role of International Voluntary Sustainability Standards in Relation to National Statutory Compulsory Sustainability Standards Panel Discussion Moderator: Arvind Sinha, Business Advisors Group, India
	Panellists 1. Mathieu Lamolle, International Trade Centre (ITC), Switzerland 2. Herbert Ladwig, Managing Director, GOTS, Germany 3. Prabha Nagarajan, Textile Exchange, India 4. Siddhartha Rajagopal, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) India
15:25 - 15:45	GOTS Video- Changes in Version 4.0 (English Version)
15:45 - 16:15	Networking Break - Tea and Coffee
16:15 - 17:45	Session 4:
	Supply Chain Challenges and Opportunities with GOTS Panel Discussion Moderator: Ullhas Nimkar, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt Ltd, India Panellists 1. Ehsanul Karim Kaiser, Esquire Group (Textile Division), Bangladesh 2. A Narayanasamy, Armstrong Spinning Mills (P) Ltd, India 3. Vincent Duret, Ecocert Greenlife SAS, France 4. Dr. BD Ginde, Texan Laboratories Pvt Ltd, India 5. Dr. Dileep Wakankar, Archroma India Pvt Ltd, India 6. GP Kanchi, Mandhana Industries Pvt Ltd, India
	7. Amit Shah, Spectrum International Pvt Ltd, India
17:45 _ 18:00	7. Amit Shah, Spectrum International Pvt Ltd, India Closing Session Herbert Ladwig
17:45 _ 18:00 18:00 - 19:00	Closing Session

Herbert Ladwig

Herbert Ladwig is the Managing Director of the GOTS operating unit Global Standard gemeinnützige GmbH, a non-profit limited liability company organized under the laws of Germany. Ladwig has decades of experience in private practice specializing in corporate and business law. He also assisted a number of small and medium size apparel manufacturers in setting up a business association aimed to focus on sustainable processing of organic fibres. The (then) "ArbeitskreisNaturtextil AKN" (Working Group natural textile) developed the first comprehensive processing standard for organic fibres worldwide.



In year 2002, Ladwig was asked by AKN to organize a global harmonization process including all then existing other similar standards owned by a

number of national organizations and certification bodies throughout the world. Thus, he served as the coordinator of the "GOTS International Working Group", facilitating the creation of the Global Organic Textile Standard through this harmonization process. Ladwig, together with GOTS Technical Director Marcus Bruegel, was instrumental in bringing about the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) in 2006 after a 4 year international harmonization process led by him, including the four GOTS founding organizations from the US, Germany, Great Britain and Japan and involving further standard owning organizations. Ladwig was key leader in shaping the efficient organizational structure of GOTS in a lean management approach. In year 2008, GOTS operating unit "Global Standard gemeinnützige GmbH" was incorporated in Germany. Ladwig has held the position of Managing Director from the establishment of this operating unit. Ladwig, in his present capacity, lectures widely on GOTS at conferences and other events and represents GOTS in international industry bodies as well as vis-à-vis governments and intergovernmental institutions, including WTO, CUTS international etc.



Sumit Gupta

Sumit Gupta is a B.Tech. from Punjab Technical University and M.Tech. from ICT (formerly UDCT), University of Mumbai. He is an RSL and Chemical Compliance Expert in the field of Textile Processing. He has a wide experience in Eco-Fashion, Chemical Compliance, Technical Certification, Eco-Labels, Content Marketing and Consulting. Currently, he is working with German Standard Organisation - Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) as their 'Representative in India and Bangladesh'.

His current role involves creating more interest and awareness about 'Organic Textiles' in India at the level of producers, exporters, educational institutes & consumers. His role also involves liaison with media, trade

organisations and Govt. He has lectured in various international conferences, seminars, colleges and companies and has been extensively working towards creating awareness about importance of Chemical RSL, Social & Environmental compliances in textile industry all over India. He is the Hon. Secretary, Mumbai Chapter, Society of Dyers & Colourists Education Charity (SDC EC) & Hon. Trustee, SDC EC. He is also the member of other professional associations.

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Claudia Kersten

Claudia Kersten is actively involved in the field of sustainable textiles since 2005. Currently, she is the Marketing Director of the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) and Representative for Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Claudia also works as a consultant and as an editor of the B2B magazine for sustainable textiles "natürlich natur" in Germany. Previously, she served as a board member (responsible for marketing) with IVN, the Germany based member organization of the GOTS International Working Group.

Claudia has a master's degree in Sustainability Management from the Leuphana University, Lueneburg, Germany. Her special research interest lies in contributions of Standards to the 'Business Case for Sustainability'.





Charline Ducas

Charline Ducas is the 'Sustainable Materials Manager' at C&A. In that capacity, she is able to combine her passion for materials, innovation and sustainability.

Previously, she has worked with Textile Exchange as their textile sustainability specialist and with Adidas in various roles of materials research and development.

Her educational background includes a Master's of Science in Textile Engineering from Ecole Nationale Superieure des Arts Industries Textiles (ENSAIT), France in 2003. She is native French and is now living in Brussels, Belgium.



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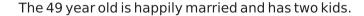
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Dr. Ulrich Hofmann

Dr. Ulrich Hofmann is the Co-founder, owner and CEO of Brands Fashion GmbH, Germany. Since three years, the company has a strong focus on "social green work wear" and "social green fashion". Currently, Brands Fashion is sourcing mainly from Bangladesh, India, China and Turkey.

Dr. Hofmann is a second generation entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in the textiles while his father spent 40 years in the textile industry, and had a substantial presence in India. He has completed his PhD in Development Economics from University of Hamburg, Germany in 1996.







Shishir Goenka

Shishir Goenka is a second generation textile entrepreneur.

He completed graduation from Sydenham College, Mumbai and then underwent a Management Education Program (MEP) in IIM, Ahmedabad.

Goenka started Fusion Clothing in 1992, exporting T-shirts to New Zealand & Australia. Subsequently, the clients included top brands from Europe & USA. The factory is based in Tirupur, Tamil Nadu and the company also regularly participates in International trade fairs. The company has ISO 9001: 2008, GOTS, OCS & Fair Trade Certified factory. The company is also sponsoring Forestation Programs like BNHS & www.grow-trees.com.

The company's in house sustainable clothing brand – 'Do U Speak Green?' was launched internationally in 2010. The brand has been registered as a Trade Mark in USA, Canada, European Union, UK and India.

Goenka has been interested in Wildlife & Nature from a young age and also into wildlife photography since many years. He loves visiting the National parks in India. He aims to make a difference in the lives of farmers who switch to Organic Cotton & also improve the environment.

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Marcus Bruegel

Marcus Bruegel is a graduated Textile Engineer and a leading expert in standard setting and quality assurance in the field of organic textile production.

The 45 year old is currently working as the Technical Director of Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS).

He was responsible for the technical development of the standard since the formation of the International Working Group of GOTS in 2002. Later, he was appointed as GOTS Technical Director in 2008.

Currently, he is also Coordinator of GOTS Technical Committee and GOTS Certifiers' Council.

From 1998 to 2007 he was head of textile department of the world wide operating certification body IMO, Switzerland.

He also serves as technical expert for accreditation bodies to supervise certification bodies in the textile sector.



Dr. Binay Choudhury

Dr. Binay Choudhury is a Ph.D (Agriculture) in Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry with specialization in Pesticide Residues. He joined as Technical Manager & Head for Regional Centre Food Research and Analytical Centre, Bangalore in the year 2001 and then shifted his focus towards research in feed additives by joining with a US based multinational organization called KEMIN.

Dr Choudhury Joined Control Union in the year March 2005 and currently is working as General Manager, Certification for Control Union India operation. Dr Choudhury has extensive knowledge on organic fibers and organic textile certification in various countries. He has been awarded several

national and international awards, fellowship for research and is involved as advisor in various forums. As a certification expert, he has audited more than 500 organic cotton farms and 1,000 organic textile projects in various countries.



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Rahul Bhajekar

An Engineer with a M.S. Degree from Ohio State University, USA, Rahul has been in the Textile Testing field since 1994. He began his career with Mahindra & Mahindra and later joined Larsen & Toubro Ltd. Rahul joined Texanlab in 1984 and was its Managing Director before leaving in 2014. In November 2014, Rahul moved as General Manager of Hermes Eco Laboratories, a joint venture company of the Hermes Hansecontrol Group which is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany.

Rahul lectures at national & international Seminars and Workshops in subjects of Quality, Ecological Testing and Requirements & Improvement of quality standards in the Textile Industry. Apart from the SDC, Rahul is a



member of the AATCC, ASTM and a managing committee member of the Mumbai Unit of the Textile Association of India. A Bronze Medal awardee from SDC, he is a nominated expert member of the Technical Committee of the GOTS. Rahul is also a member of two technical sub-committees of the BIS; Customer Advisory Council of Ametek – ATLAS; member of the expert review committee for Levi Strauss' restricted substances list.



Arvind Sinha

He is a B. Tech from Bhiwani and MMS from Bombay University, involved with various industries in India and abroad for last thirty years. He has received accolades and certificates from World Bank and IMF for his outstanding contribution for various studies. He is an Art and Antique collector and three of his records are listed in India Books of Records, Asia Books of Records and Limca Books of Records and a heading for listening in Guinness Books of World Record.