

**Country (Insert country of origin of your company / organization or its headquarters' location)**

Uzbekistan

**Submitting Organization/Company**

Uzbekistan Textile and Garment Industry Association  
«Uztextileprom»

**If Organization or Company, please indicate the approximate number of employees**

250 or more

**Please indicate the number of employees**

115 employees of the Association  
1,989 enterprises – members of the Association

**Title of the action**

Development of a strategy for ESG traceability and transparency in the textile industry in Uzbekistan

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**UZTEXTILEPROM**  
UZBEKISTAN TEXTILE AND GARMENT  
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

**Relevant Website**

<https://uzts.uz/>

**Main Partners**

UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe),  
GIZ (International German Cooperation)

**Type of initiative**

Public-private

**Description of action**

The action aims at enhancing the environmental, social and business integrity of management systems, by improving the prevention and mitigation of environmental and social risks, and introducing formal procedures for the certification of such management systems in line with best international standards.

1. Creation of an Independent Textile Testing Laboratory for sustainable and safe textile materials

testing (e.g Oeko-Tex testing) (the list of equipment and necessary tests is already developed in line with the requirements in international laboratories). That is necessary due to the fact that standards provide information about the social and environmental performance of the product, including information about the supply chain. When consumers purchase labelled or certified products, they are sufficiently convinced that they are buying sustainable, environmentally friendly, safe or high-quality products;

2. Organization of educational workshops and seminars, and qualification development trainings for enterprise's specialists on the topic of sustainability, green, circular economy, transparency with knowledge and skills transfer both locally and internationally;

3. Development of an action plan for straightening ESG (Environment, Social, Corporate Governance) traceability and transparency (TT) in the textile industry in Uzbekistan;

4. Establishment of a multi-stakeholder advisory board for ESG (TT) in Uzbekistan (which will include industry actors of different levels).

### Type of action

Traceability & Transparency

### Please select the specific area/s of the action

Norms and standards

Awareness and Education

### Scope of the action, including a description of the value chain processes that are covered

Objective (max 200 words): Enhance industry's capacity and skills to meet ESG requirements and standards for textile value chains.

Commitments (max 200 words): Support industry actors to achieve such objective.

Value Chain Scope: From raw material production through processing until the product is finished (retailing and branding, post-consumption activities are not included).

### Timeframe and/or milestones for the action

To implement over a period of time until the end of 2024

### Reference instruments and sources used

Implementation of international standards for textile enterprises stimulates the development of trade relations between countries, removing barriers to international trade, and has a positive effect on the evolution of business in the framework of improving the management and control system. An increase in the number of enterprises that have received international standards leads to a positive impact on labor protection, the environment, more efficient use of raw materials and energy resources, regulation of requirements for storage, packaging, labeling, and transportation of products.

Reference standards which should be included in the action plan are the following:

- safe and organic textile («Oeko-Tex Standard 100», «OCS», «GOTS»)
- business social compliance standards («BSCI», Sedex«)

## Expected benefits and impact for the stakeholders involved

Enhanced visibility of compliance with sustainability requirements by industry actors/partners along the entire value chain

Enhanced environmental and socially responsible consumption and production, and circularity of the value chain, that may be relevant to and inspire other countries and industry actors/partners

## Stakeholders involved

Business and industry associations

Investors/shareholders

Local authorities

## Key performance indicators for the action

- Establishment of an independent testing laboratory for sustainable and safe textile by the end of 2024
- Training of 500 enterprises specialists, of which 30% women, between 2022 and 2024
- Action plan for ESG TT in Uzbekistan developed and adopted by Association «Uztextileprom» under the guidance of UNECE by 2024
- Detailed list of industry actor's members of the multi-stakeholder sustainable textile advisory board developed and published by 2022

## How has this UNECE-UN/CEFACT Call to Action contributed to strategic engagement and/or public awareness in support of your commitment?

The particular action has been developed according to Recommendation No.46: Enhancing traceability and transparency of sustainable value chains in the garment and footwear sector (ECE/TRADE/463)

## Link to relevant goal(s) and specific target(s) of the United Nations

