

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

Belgium

**Submitting Organization/Company**

amfori

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

< 250

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50

**Title of the action**

Increasing the visibility and transparency of social and environmental conditions in supply chains

**Upload your logo or an image**



**Relevant Website**

www.amfori.org

**Main Partners**

ZDHC, Open Apparel Registry (OAR)

**Other Partners**

Preferred by Nature

**Type of initiative**

Foundation / Association

**Description of action**

- Enhance social and environmental sustainability, with data from the supply chains of our member businesses consolidated on a single IT platform
- Implement a solution to identify each (manufacturing) site with a unique and reliable identifier, also used by other initiatives (done using the OAR id)
- Implement data exchange between the platforms of various supply chain monitoring initiatives to allow a maximum of brands and retailers to see the outcomes of the different sustainability activities undertaken by a manufacturing site.
- Align as much as possible the structure of the data with regulatory requirements currently being defined

**Type of action**

Traceability & Transparency

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

Norms and standards

Research and Development of Innovative Solutions

Awareness and Education

Collaborative Initiatives

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

Objective (max 200 words): - Enhance social and environmental sustainability, with data from the supply chains of our member businesses consolidated on a single IT platform - Implement a solution to identify each (manufacturing) site with a unique and reliable identifier, also used by other initiatives (done using the OAR id) - Implement data exchange between the platforms of various supply chain monitoring initiatives to allow a maximum of brands and retailers to see the outcomes of the different sustainability activities undertaken by a manufacturing site. - Align as much as possible the structure of the data with regulatory requirements currently being defined

Commitments (max 200 words): OAR identification for sites in amfori's system particularly for those on the textile and footwear industry by the end of 2022. At least 2 partnerships with information exchange inter platforms. A Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence and sustainability platform in place in 2023. Amfori will participate in joint initiatives to promote homogenization, standardization, and common approaches in general to human rights and environmental sustainability in supply chains. Business Environmental Performance Initiative (BEPI) platform to include OAR identification by first quarter of 2023. Questionnaires and risk analysis in amfori sustainability platform will be aligned whenever possible with regulatory frameworks by the end of 2022.

Value Chain Scope: amfori supports members and business partners in the whole supply chain. However most of the impact takes place in the first 2 tiers.

**Timeframe and/or milestones for the action**

- To integrate information sharing with ZDHC by end of 2022
- To have a joint platform that provides social and environmental sustainability data and analysis in one place by 2023.
- To map and identify existing technologies, promote key partnerships and develop a new programme to explore interoperability with a focus on value chain and product performance.

## Reference instruments and sources used

- Amfori sustainability platform
- Amfori Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI)
- Amfori BEPI
- Amfori business intelligence dashboard

## 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 traceability of the social/environmental/ethical attributes of product(s)/materials along the value chain; for example, for origin, quality, sustainability performance, and compliance with health and safety requirements for consumers and workers

A measurable impact on sustainability in value chains over time, eventually verified through life-cycle assessments and/or sustainability certifications

Management of reputational risk for manufacturers, brands and retailers who are selling the products concerned

## Stakeholders involved

Business and industry associations

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

Workers and trade unions

## Key performance indicators for the action

- Number of business partners in different tiers of the supply chain on BEPI platform and other own or partnered technology developments to support transparency of environmental performance in different sectors and value chains.
- Number of partnerships with an approach to share information in supply chain platforms.
- Participation in working groups for harmonization and standardization of tools and standards
- Number of pilots and number of innovative initiatives which focus on the traceability of value chain and product with regard to current factory centered initiatives.
- Number of new features and new processes included in the BEPI and BSCI tools to make the link between the social and environmental performance enhancing comprehensive multi-tier supply chain data analytics of both streams in order to enhance traceability and transparency.

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

It has reinforced the idea that traceability and transparency is a collaborative approach that involves different stakeholders who share information and technologies to facilitate the adoption of best practices by different business partners throughout the supply chain. We also see it as an opportunity for peer to peer learning amongst other pledgers, and for opportunities for advocacy and strategic communication on the importance of transparency.

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

