

**Submitting Country, Organization, Company**

Sustainable Leather Foundation Cic

**Title of the action**

Supporting transparency for a more sustainable leather industry

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**Relevant Website**

[www.sustainableleatherfoundation.com](http://www.sustainableleatherfoundation.com)

**Associated Partners**

All leather value chain stakeholders

**Type of initiative**

Foundation / association initiative

**Description of action**

The Foundation supports sustainability improvement in the leather industry through education, information, assessment, certification and communication. Using the SLF Transparency Dashboard™ the Foundation offers a fully inclusive, accessible and modular approach to all stakeholders wishing to improve their sustainability footprint, in order to drive transformative change that leads to better outcomes for all.

**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

Business management systems or instruments

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

**Objective**

Environmental, Social and Governance compliance and improvement, which requires traceability and transparency at its core.

**Commitments**

To provide the mechanism and pathway that enables all actors in the value chain to participate

**Value chain scope**

Farm to post consumption

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

The Sustainable Leather Foundation launched in July 2020 and there is no time frame to our work. Sustainability is an ongoing commitment to continual improvement across the 3 pillars of environmental, social and governance responsibility and the Foundation seeks to support and encourage all actors in the value chain to adopt that approach.

**Reference instruments and sources used**

Sustainable Leather Foundation Audit Standard Report / Standards & Benchmarks

ILO Conventions

OECD Due Diligence

Recognition of accredited 3rd party certification organisations that meet the required elements

UN entities such as UNIDO, UNEP, UNCTAD, ITC, UNECE

**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

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

Management of reputational risk for manufacturers,

brands and retailers who are selling the products concerned

Improved working conditions for workers along the value chain and, particularly, those who work for “suppliers to suppliers” in parts of the value chain that today are often “hidden”

## Stakeholders involved

Business and industry associations

Consumers and consumer associations

Intergovernmental organizations

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

Scientific and technological community

## Good practices

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

The UNECE-UN/CEFACT Call to Action contributes towards our objectives as a Foundation, as it seeks to provide a standard for traceability and transparency that could be adopted globally. This would support the standards and benchmarks that SLF use to assess the compliance of the value-chain in their accountability.

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

