



**Capacity Building Programmes on Dynamics of Eco-labelling and the Need for Compliance**  
*Under*  
**“A Study on Environmental Standards and its Trade Impact on Indian Textile and Clothing Sector**

*Thursday, 29 November, 2012*  
*Conference Hall, Hotel Velan, Tirupur*

**AGENDA**

10.00 – 10.30	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
10.30- 11.00	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Archana Jatkar, Coordinator and Deputy Head, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics and Environment  Ullhas Nimkar, Chairman and Managing Director, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt Ltd  Expectations of the Participants
11.00 – 11:30	<b>The Importance of Sustainability</b> The session will cover the meaning of sustainability and its growing importance in the textile industry. It will cover the development of eco-legislations and provide an overview of eco-compliance methodologies such as Brand RSLs, Eco-labels, and Global sustainability initiatives, as well as the costs of non-compliance.  <i>Ullhas Nimkar, Chairman &amp; Managing Director, NimkarTek Technical Services Pvt Ltd</i>
11:30 – 12.00	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Project Research and Survey findings from India and Select European countries</b>  The session will present the project research and findings from survey of textile and clothing firms in India and perception of consumers from the survey carried out in select European countries.  <i>Manbar Khadka, Research Associate, CUTS International</i>

13.00 – 13.30	<p><b>Sustainability in the textile supply chain: Challenges &amp; Solutions.</b></p> <p>The session will cover the current scenario &amp; the challenges in our path towards sustainability in textile operations and highlight best practices/new technologies that can provide solutions to move towards the goal of sustainability.</p> <p><i>Prasad Pant, CEO, NimkarTek</i></p>
13:30 – 14:15	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15 – 14:45	<p><b>The practical aspects of eco- compliance implementation</b></p> <p>This pragmatic session will shed light on the practical aspects and share experience of industry in implementing the ecolabels/eco-compliances.</p> <p><i>Alok Sharma, General Manager, Ramkumar Mills</i></p>
14:45-15:15	<p><b>Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS): An overview</b></p> <p>The session will cover the scheme, stakeholders, procedures related to GOTS and implementation issues thereof.</p> <p><i>Binay Kumar Choudhary, Certifier, Control Union Certification</i></p>
15:15-15:45	<p><b>EU Flower: An overview</b></p> <p>This session will present the scheme, stakeholders, procedures related to EU Flower and implementation issues thereof.</p> <p><i>Vanithamani Chinnaraj, Scientific Technical Assistant, SITRA</i></p>
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>
16:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Oeko Tex standards: An overview</b></p> <p>The session will cover the scheme, stakeholders, procedures related to Oeko Tex standards, its implementation and related issues thereof.</p> <p><i>Vignesh Amalraj, Business Development Manager, Oeko-Tex, India</i></p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p><b>NGO activism: Raising the bar for environmental compliance</b></p> <p>This session will explain how recent campaigns by NGOs across the globe have raised the bar for environment compliance by Brands and their suppliers and brought forth an urgent need for a paradigm shift in our current way of working.</p> <p><i>Prasad Pant, CEO, Nimkar Tek\Technical Services Pvt Ltd</i></p>
17:00 – 17:15	Open House & feedback